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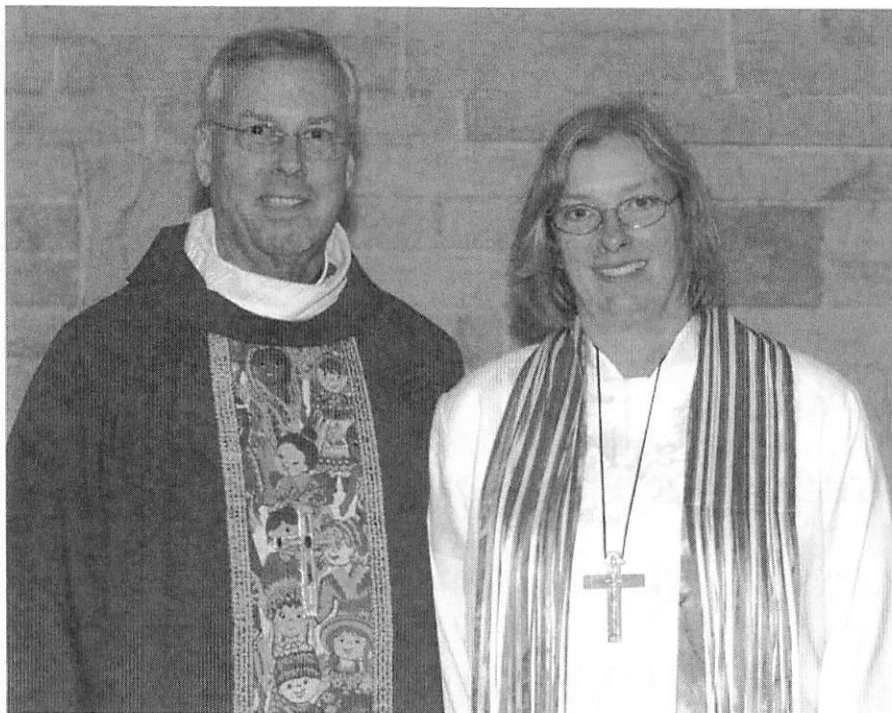
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The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Held and supported by the transforming relationship with God through Christ, we of the Alaska Missionary Conference seek to be a community that creates a home for all peoples, finds our hope through grace and journeys together into God's preferred future.

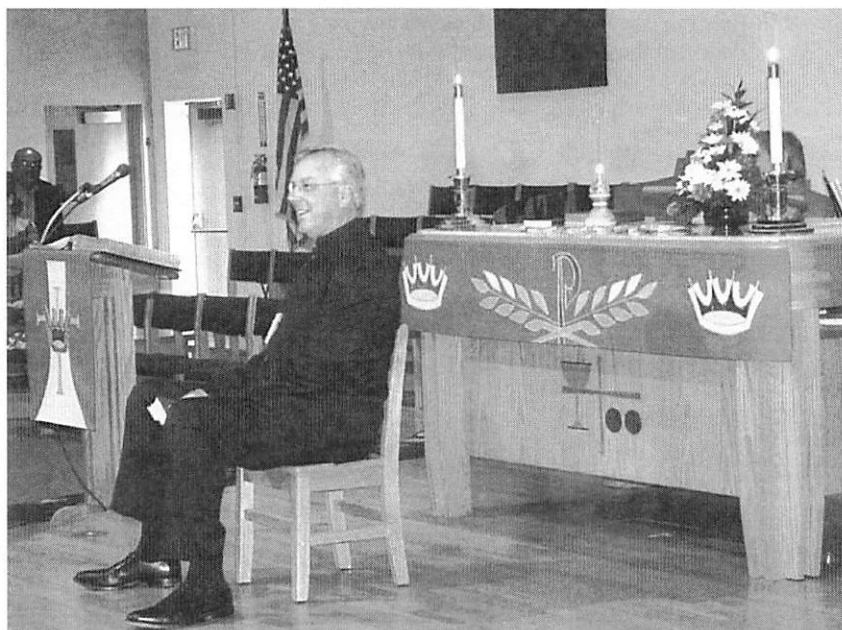
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Superintendent.....	DENNIS HOLWAY
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Kenai Peninsula.....	Sandy Stark
Northern	TOM TELFER and KAREN MARTIN TICHENOR
Southcentral.....	EILA DISBURG
Southeast	TRENT BAGGETT
Administrative Unit.....	Nora Ortiz-Fredrick
Council on Finance and Administration.....	Linda Dunham
Council on Youth Ministries	ADAM MUHR
Native Ministries Committee.....	Charles Brower
New Ministries Committee	JON DISBURG
Outdoor Ministries Committee.....	Von Cawvey
Commission on Archives & History.....	Michael Cline
Professional Ministries Unit.....	DAVID BECKETT
United Methodist Women.....	Julia Smith
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General Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns	Georgina Dapcevich
General Board of Higher Education & Ministry	Lonnie Brooks
Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries	JoAnne Hayden
United Methodist Committee on Faith and Order	Lonnie Brooks

2. Kenai Peninsula Regional Program Council

Chairperson.....	Sandy Stark
Vice-Chairperson	
Secretary.....	LAURA SKIBA

3. Northern Regional Program Council

Co-Chairs	TOM TELFER and KAREN MARTIN TICHENOR
Vice-Chairperson	Gayle Miller
Secretary	Gayle Miller

4. Southcentral Regional Program Council

Chairperson.....	LEILA DISBURG
Vice-Chairperson	Abbe Dunning-Newberry
Secretary	JOANN SCHAADT

5. Southeast Regional Program Council

Chairperson	TRENT BAGGETT
Vice-Chairperson	
Secretary	Deborah Gerrish

6. Administrative Unit

Chairperson.....Nora Ortiz-Fredrick
 LINDA BAGGETT (08, SE) DEBRA LINDSAY-HUDGINS (08,SC)
 Abbe Dunning-Newberry (08, SC) David Means (08, SE)
 Kathy Eggan (08, SE) Nora Ortiz-Fredrick (06, SC)
 Johnnie Gerrish (08, SE) RICHARD WHETSELL (05, K)
 Crystal Hayden (08, SC)
 Superintendent: with vote
 Treasurer: without vote

7. Conference Council on Finance and Administration

Chairperson.....Linda Dunham
 Sharon Brower (04, K) STEVE EDLRED (08, N)
 Georgina Dapceovich (07, SE) TERI ERBELE (08, SE)
 LEILA DISBURG, (07, SC) CHARLES MARTINDELL (08, K)
 Linda Dunham (03, SC) Gayle Miller (04, N)
 Sandy Stark (06, K)
 Presiding Bishop: without vote Superintendent: without vote
 Treasurer: without vote

8. Professional Ministries Unit

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 JoAnne Hayden (03, SC) John Pugh (08, SE)
 DOUG LINDSAY (06, SC) IMELDA RAMOS (05, SE)
 Rose McLean (99, SC) KAY SHOCK (08, SC)
 Sue McClure (08, K) KAREN MARTIN TICHENOR (05, N)

9. Conference Council on Youth Ministries

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 Julia Vea(07, SC) LAURA SKIBA (07, K)

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 Superintendent.....DENNIS HOLWAY
 Host Church Pastor(s) JON DISBURG, LEILA DISBURG
 Conference Lay Leader Lonnie Brooks
 Conference Secretary.....DEBRA LINDSAY-HUDGINS
 UMW President (or Other Representative).....Julia Smith

2. Commission on Archives and History

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 Ida Dailey (08, SC) JULIE WASSER (08, K)
 Doug Stark (08, K)

3. Conference Communications

Chairperson.....JAMES DOEPKEN
 Nancy Fassett (08, SC) Kelli Williams (08, SC)
 CARLO RAPANUT (08 SC)

4. Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

Chairperson.....STEPHEN ELDRED
 SC Representative K Representative
 SE Representative N Representative

5. Native Ministries Committee

Chairperson..... Charles Brower
 Barb Amorak Latanya Odden
 Claudette Curtis DELLA WAGHIYI
 JOANN SCHAADT (intern)
 Consultants: Martha Larson, Walter Larson, Nick Sackaloff, Marie Tyson

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 Julie Elmore (08, N) Brian Taylor (08, N)
 EVELYN ERBELE (08, SE) TOM TELFER (05, N)
 TORI HICKS (08, N) Karolann Whetsell (06, K)
 JESSE PERRY (07, SE) DAN WILCOX (07, N)
 Ex Officio:
 Fran Lynch, Church & Community Worker
 Lori Staats, VIM Coordinator

7. Outdoor Ministries Committee

Chairperson.....Von Cawvey
 TRENT BAGGETT (07, SE) Lesa Shaffer (08, SC)
 Marion Gotschall (07, SE) LAURA SKIBA (04, K)
 ROBERT HICKS (08, N) MARTI SLATER (08, K)
 Barb Mitchell (08, SE)
 Ex officio:
 Birchwood Camp Director, Hope Retreat Center Board Member, Eagle River Camp Board Member

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 Lay Leader: Lonnie Brooks
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 Don Gotschall (SE) Keith Sworts (N)
 JoAnne Hayden (SC) TOM TELFER (N)
 DEBRA LINDSAY-HUDGINS (SC) Arlene Wood (SC)

9. Coordinator of Lay Speaking Ministries Robbie Robinson

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 (Those which need Conference action.)

1. Alaska Children Services

Kerry Madden DAVID BECKETT

2. Nome Community Center

Community UMC pastor

3. United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks

David Moore

4. University Community Ministry, Anchorage

Robbie Robinson

D. Institutional and Other Representative

(Those which do not need Conference action.)

1. Russian Native Ministry Committee

Chairperson Arlene Wood

2. Hope Retreat Center Board

Chairperson.....John Meyn

3. Birchwood Camp

Chairperson.....Linda Dunham

4. Eagle River UM Camp Southeast

Chairperson..... Dick Fagnant



Bishop Paup reads the names of those appointed to serve in the Alaska United Methodist Conference during 2008-2009.

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III. CONFERENCE DIRECTORIES**

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A. Addresses of Churches by Region

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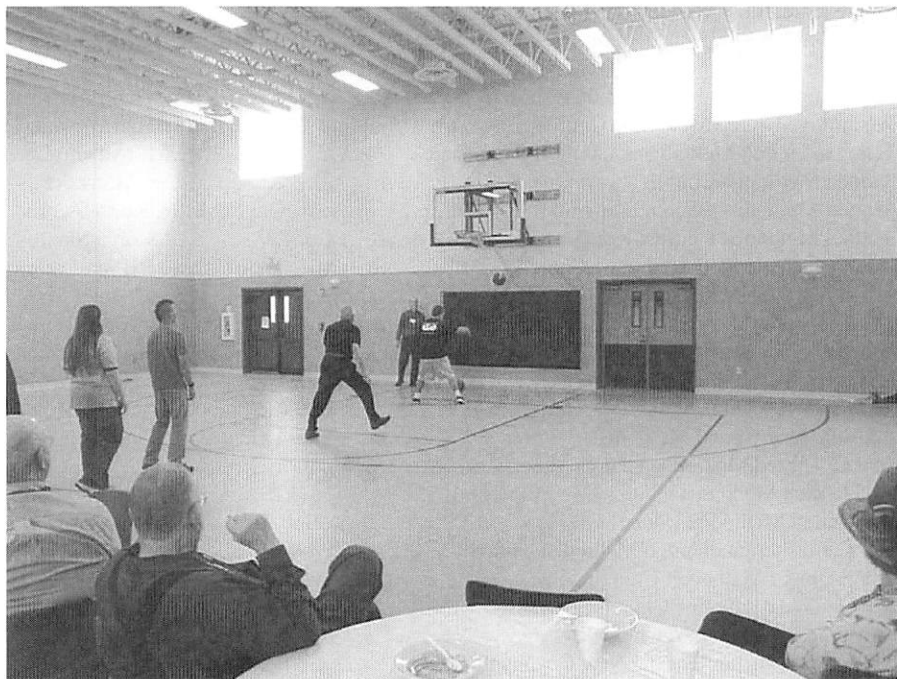
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Community United Methodist Church, Nome	Howard Appel
Douglas Community United Methodist Church	Debra Gerrish
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First United Methodist Church, Anchorage	Lori Staats
First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks	Gayle Miller, Keith Sworts
First United Methodist Church, Ketchikan	Loren Stanton
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Jewel Lake Parish	Arlene Wood
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Agency, Organization and Institutional Members

Alaska Children Services	Kerry Madden
University Community Ministry, Anchorage	Robbie Robinson

E. General Board and Agency Members 2009-2012

General Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns.....	Georgina Dapcevich
General Board of Higher Education & Ministry	Lonnie Brooks
Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries	JoAnne Hayden
United Methodist Committee on Faith and Order	Lonnie Brooks

F. Western Jurisdiction Committee Members 2009-2012

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	DEBRA LINDSAY-HUDGINS
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WJC Committee on Appeals (§2716.1)	TBN

IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

A. Minutes

Friday, May 30, 2:00 PM

The 37th session of the Alaska United Methodist Conference was called to order by presiding Bishop Edward W. Paup. After a reading from the book of Ecclesiastes and some reflections by Bishop Paup, we were welcomed by the pastor and staff of St. John UMC to their facility. Brenda Wingfield, outgoing Conference Secretary, established the bar of the conference and stated that roll call was based upon delegate registration.

The Bishop announced that every cell phone that rang during the course of the weekend's proceedings would be "fined" \$10.00 – the amount required to purchase a malaria net for the "Nothing But Nets" program.

Rules Report – Lonnie Brooks

In a deviation from the Conference rules, Debra Lindsay-Hudgins was nominated as Conference Secretary at the beginning of the Conference session. Motion was seconded and carried. Debra then took over the position of Secretary for the remainder of the Conference.

Proposed Rule Change #3 – NUMBER, NAME, AND MANNER OF ELECTION

R4.00 . . . NUMBER, NAME, AND MANNER OF ELECTION: The officers of the AMC shall be:

President: The Presiding Bishop of the Area presides at all sessions of the AMC.

Secretary: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AMC following the general conference, the Secretary serves for a quadrennium and keeps the minutes of all sessions of the AMC and edits the journal of the AMC.

Statistician: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AMC following the General Conference, the Statistician serves for a quadrennium and keeps the statistical record of the AMC.

Treasurer: Nominated by CFA with the confirmation by the AMC at its next session, the Treasurer manages the financial office of the AMC and provides reports of financial operation.

Conference Coordinating Council Chairperson: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations at the annual conference following General Conference. Shall serve for the quadrennium.

Historian: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations, the Historian keeps the historical record of the AMC.

Chancellor: Nominated by the Presiding Bishop of the Area with the concurrence of the AMC, the Chancellor serves as general counsel on legal matters for the AMC.

Assistant Secretary(ies) and Statistician(s): Nominated annually by the Secretary and Statistician respectively, or appointed ad interim with concurrence of the AMC at its opening session, the assistants provide assistance in the recording of the minutes and tabulation of statistics of the AMC.

Conference Lay Leader: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by ballot quadrennially at the first session of the lay members of the AMC following the regular session of General Conference. The current lay leader will preside over the election and is not prohibited from candidacy or from reelection. When the election is held, additional nominations will be received from the floor. Only lay members of the AMC will have vote in the election, and election will be by a majority of the valid ballots cast. Balloting will continue until an election is declared by the presiding officer. If a vacancy in the office occurs between sessions of the AMC, then the office will be filled by a lay member of a church in the AMC chosen by a committee consisting of the Bishop, the AMC Superintendent, the AMC President of United Methodist Women, and the AMC President of United Methodist Men. The person so selected shall serve until the next lay session of the AMC, at which time a person will be elected to fill the unexpired term of office.

R5.1005 . . . COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CON)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of CON is to select persons to place in nomination before the AMC to fill such vacancies as there may be in the organization of the AMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the CON shall be nominated from the floor at the first session of the AMC following the general conference. The members shall serve for the succeeding quadrennium. Eight (8) persons shall be elected from the nominees: four (4) clergy and four (4) lay persons. The AMC Superintendent and the AMC Lay Leader shall also serve on the CON.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings are held at least annually at annual conference and at such other times as may be considered necessary to do the business of the committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (spelled out in PURPOSE)

To nominate the **Conference Lay Leader** and the chairpersons of the following Conference Committees: ~~Administrative Unit~~, New Ministries, Native Ministries, Outdoor Ministries, and Conference Coordinating Council. All other officers shall be elected by the committees, units, or council themselves.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CON is directly accountable to the AMC through its nomination of the committee from the floor.

Note: If adopted, this rule change becomes effective immediately upon adoption.

Rule Change #3 was approved.

The Conference was then dismissed in order to gather for Lay and Clergy Sessions.

Friday, May 30 – 2:50 p.m.

The following people were introduced: Newly-elected Conference Lay Leader Lonnie Brooks; Rachel Lieder Simcon, Conference Superintendent; Debra Lindsay-Hudgins, Conference Secretary; Lonnie Brooks, Conference Parliamentarian; David Adams, General Secretary of the United Methodist Men; Tom Hazelwood, Assistant General Secretary of UMCOR, National Disaster Response Coordinator, and member of the Arkansas Annual Conference; Tom Wilson, Director of the United Methodist Foundation in the Pacific Northwest Conference.

It was noted that 13 people were attending Annual Conference for the first time, and that Dick Heacock, David Fison, and Bob Smay have all attended more than 50 annual conference sessions.

The agenda for the rest of the day was reviewed. The Memorial Worship Service was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, and the offering would be designated for this year's Conference initiative: the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference.

Report of the Rules Committee (continued)

Rule Change # 1 – GIFT RECEIPT POLICY

This is a proposal for a new rule to be added to the Alaska Conference Rules of Order, as provided in Rule R6.5000 which says,

Rules changes may occur in any of the following ways:

- By recommendation from any Conference Standing Committee, Council, Unit, or Regional council.
- From the Presiding Bishop and/or AMC Superintendent.
- Over the signature of three (3) members of the AMC.

The undersigned members of the Conference propose this rule change as an alternative to the gift receipt policy being presented in the report of the Administrative Unit. This proposal differs from the proposal of the Administrative Unit in these ways:

- This proposal would put the policy in the Rules of Order rather than in the recommendations of the Administrative Unit.
- This proposal presents the policy in step by step form without changing the process proposed by the Administrative Unit.
- This proposal is to change the wording slightly in the last sentence of the second to last paragraph of the proposal from the Administrative Unit, and the suggested changes are shown clearly in the third page of this proposal.

This proposal is made by us, and we recommend its adoption by the Conference.

Lonnie D. Brooks, Interim Lay Leader
Rachel M. Lieder Simeon, Conference Superintendent
Debra Lindsay-Hudgins, Chair, Council on Finance and Administration
Fran Lynch, Chair, New Ministries Committee

PROPOSED GIFT RECEIPT POLICY OF THE ALASKA CONFERENCE

R6.21...GIFT RECEIPT POLICY

Gifts to the Alaska Conference will be handled according to the following procedure:
Gifts of Property Other Than Cash

- Reviewed by the Board of Trustees for conformance to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and other policies of The UMC and of the Alaska Conference.
- Full appropriate attention will be given to the liquidity of the gift.
- Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities may, in general, be considered as essentially cash, since the Alaska Conference will not be required to hold any such gift for any extended period of time.

- If the gifts are found to conform to those principles and policies, they will be received by the Board.
- Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities received as gifts may be liquidated at the discretion of the Board.
- A recommendation for the use and/or disposition of other kinds of property received as gifts will be made by the Board to the Alaska Conference upon consultation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A) and the Conference Coordinating Council (CCC).
- In situations where alternatives are limited and exigency demands, disposition and liquidation may occur under the provisions of ¶2515 of the 2004 Book of Discipline.
- When this type property has been liquidated (converted to cash), the money will be treated thereafter as a gift of cash.

Gifts of Cash

- The receipt of restricted cash gifts wherein the donor has designated the gift to be used for purposes other than established funds and campaigns within the Alaska Conference is subject to the approval of CCF&A.
- Undesignated gifts of cash to the Alaska Conference and designated gifts of cash to previously approved funds and campaigns will be received by the Treasurer acting under the direction of CCF&A.
- If the gift had been anticipated and included within the budget of the Alaska Conference, the funds will be handled as determined by action of the Conference.
- If the gift had not been included within a previous budget of the Conference, then the CCC will develop a process to create a plan for the disposition of the gift in the next budget to be proposed to the Conference.

Gifts to the Foundation

- Gifts to the Alaska Conference Foundation will be handled according to the policies of the Foundation as approved by the Alaska Conference.

The following paragraph shows the only change in content between this proposal and the one from the Administrative Unit:

If the gift had not been included within a previous budget of the Conference, ~~then CCF&A will consult with the CCC and other program bodies of the Conference to include~~ **will develop a process to create a plan for the disposition of the gift in the next budget to be proposed to the Conference.**

Rule Change # 2 - ORGANIZATION OF ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE DIVISION 1 . . . ORGANIZATION OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

R1.00...NAME: Created by The United Methodist Church as a missionary conference, the name of the conference shall be The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC). It may be known informally as The Alaska Conference, and its Board of Trustees may be incorporated under the name The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Inc.

R1.0001 . . . CONVENING: The Alaska United Methodist Missionary Conference (AUMC) shall convene its annual conference on the date set by the Presiding Bishop of the area as provided in the United Methodist Discipline (Disc., 2004, ¶603.2).

NOTE: If this rule change is adopted, the Chair of the Administrative Unit is instructed to change all references in the rules from "The Alaska Missionary Conference" to "The Alaska United Methodist Conference" and all references from "AMC" to "AUMC."

Rule Change # 4 – NATIVE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

R5.1012 . . . NATIVE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Native Ministries Committee is to be in ministry with Alaska's native peoples and to celebrate the enrichment Alaskans share as they worship and minister together.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Native Ministries Committee shall be:

—Six (6) lay persons

—Three (3) clergy

—The membership shall be at least 50% Native American Persons as selected by the Native Elders of the AMC.

The Native Ministries Committee shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference.

Rule Change # 5 – NEW MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

R5.1013 . . . NEW MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall plan and coordinate new church development and church extension activities within the AMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the New Ministries Committee shall be at least the following with others as elected on nomination by the Committee on Nominations:

Four (4) lay persons

Four (4) clergy

AMC VIM Coordinator

Church and Community Workers Serving within the bounds of the AMC

The New Ministries Committee shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference..

Rule Change # 6 – CONFERENCE OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

R5.1014 . . . CONFERENCE OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference Outdoor Ministries Committee is to enable and implement successful off-site and on-site camping and retreat ministries and to do so by providing general coordination in the form of guidance, training, funding, organization, and networking.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The committee will consist of at least eight (8) members, four (4) laity and four (4) clergy, including at least one representative each from the Birchwood Camp Committee, Southeast Camp Committee, and Hope Retreat Center. **The representatives from the camps will serve with voice but not vote.**

Each committee will select its representative and the Committee on Nominations will select the others seeking regional balance, to be elected at the annual conference.

The chairperson will be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, elected at annual conference and be a voting member of the Conference Coordinating Council.

The committee will meet at least once a year.

Rule Change # 7 – PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT (PMU)**R5.1015 . . . PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT (PMU)**

PURPOSE . . . The Professional Ministries Unit oversees and reviews all matters pertaining to the professional ministry of the AMC (ordained and diaconal).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Professional Ministries Unit shall be:

Five (5) members nominated by the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Professional Ministries Unit:

--- three (3) ordained clergy

--- one (1) diaconal minister

--- one (1) lay person

Five (5) members nominated by the AMC Committee on Nominations:

--- two (2) ordained clergy

--- three (3) lay persons

The Chair of PMU shall be nominated by the bishop and elected by PMU at its first session following the close of the annual conference following the regular session of General Conference.

Nominations Report – Rachel Lieder Simeon

Approved.

Conference Council on Finance and Administration – Debra Lindsay-Hudgins

During the past year, CCFA has continued to examine closely the financial demands of the Alaska Missionary Conference, the possibilities for ministry the future presents, and the funding sources that are available to us. While in the past our funding sources have mainly been limited to Apportionments received from the local churches, support provided by the General Board of Global Ministries, and gifts received through the Advance, monies received from the GBGM and the Advance have declined in recent years, placing an increasing burden on our local churches in the form of Apportionments. For several years, CCFA has tossed around ideas about how to increase investment income, with little discernable results.

The Conference's financial position is gradually changing for the better, however. Substantial gifts from other annual conferences, plus the settlement from the St. Paul's lawsuit have come to us in the past year. In addition, the GBGM is in the process of transferring the deeds to all the properties they own in Alaska over to the Alaska Conference, which will result in a substantial amount of money to be invested as some of the property, most notably the property that houses Alaska Children's Services, is sold.

CCFA met in conjunction with the Administrative Unit of the Conference last fall to begin to establish a policy for dealing with the types of gifts we sometimes receive, with the Administrative Unit receiving the gifts, the Annual Conference making decisions about how such gifts are to be utilized, and with CCFA being responsible for overseeing investments.

There is a growing awareness that potential ministries are emerging in places all over Alaska, however CCFA continues to be aware of the daily financial struggles even our most well-established churches face. We would be remiss were we to turn away from the new challenges for growth and ministry that present themselves. At the same time, it seems that we can move forward into new opportunities only if our enthusiasm is tempered with caution. As a Conference we are only as strong as the weakest churches among us, so we can embrace emerging ministries, but only as we also work to strengthen the congregations already in our midst.

A sign of health and stability in a local church is its willingness to look into the future and determine its course. I would suggest that our leadership work intentionally with our new Bishop and new Conference Superintendent (whoever they may be) to develop a strategic long-range plan for the Alaska Conference which includes both the establishment of new ministries and the under girding of continuing ministries. Such a plan would make possible the responsible stewardship of all of our resources, would facilitate our Conference staff to work effectively in both local and Conference-wide settings, enable our Bishop and others who speak for us in the larger church to articulate our mission more clearly, and empower all of our church members to accomplish the work of God, whether it be in their own churches, their local communities, or the world.

Bob Meyers, whose retirement will be effective July 1, ceased to be our Conference Treasurer on January 1, 2008, and our conference finances were transferred to the Pacific Northwest Conference, under the guidance of Craig Parrish, our new Conference Treasurer. We thank him and his office for their willingness to take on the extra workload the Alaska Conference will provide, and look forward to a long and productive relationship together.

Thanks are extended to all the congregations that worked to fulfill your obligations and pay your Apportionments in 2007. Our Apportionment receipts for 2007 were almost 94 percent of budget, which was an increase over 2006. And, following the guideline established at Annual Conference in 2006, our Conference fully funded its general church apportionments. Please keep in mind that our benevolences allow us to work in connection with other United Methodist Churches to spread the good news of Jesus Christ both near and far.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the members of CCFA, who have worked so diligently over the past year. As I end my time as Chair of the Council, I can honestly say that it has been one of the most interesting, most challenging, and most rewarding positions I have held at a Conference level. I wish the new Chair and the new committee God's grace as they continue this important work.

Recommendations:

- 1) Yearly requests for funding from the Alaska Missionary Conference budget should, whenever possible, be submitted to the AMC-CFA prior to the AMC Winter Meetings. Requests for the 2010 budget shall be submitted to the CCFA no later than the conclusion of Winter Meetings 2009.
- 2) The apportionment grade figure used to determine local church apportionments will be the average over a three-year period of one-third of the membership grade figure and two thirds of the local church expenses. The 2009 grade point figure will be based on the statistics recorded in the 2005, 2006, and 2007 *Journals of the Alaska Missionary Conference*.
(The local expense grade figure is each church's local expenses divided by the total local expenses of all churches. Local church expenditures include clergy support plus 25% of the pastor's salary as established by the Church / Charge Conference if the pastor is provided a parsonage and all other church expenses excluding:
 1. Rent payment for church facilities
 2. Principle and interest paid on indebtedness
 3. Payments on building improvements
 4. Non-apportioned benevolences paid by the local church
 5. Apportionments
- 3) All churches are strongly encouraged to pay their apportionments in 10 equal installments beginning in January and ending in October.

- 4) Apportionments for new churches will be scheduled following their charter according to this formula:
 - a. Year One: No apportionments
 - b. Year Two: 1/3 of regular apportionments
 - c. Year Three: 2/3 of regular apportionments
 - d. Year Four: Full apportionments
- 5) There shall be a General Fund established, maintained, and administered by the Council on Finance and Administration. The Fund Balance shall provide working capital (cash flow) for the operation of the Conference, emergencies, and unexpected needs that arise from time to time. The annual net operating results in the Connectional Clergy Support, Connectional Administration, World Service and Conference Benevolence, and other General Funds not otherwise designated will provide the basis for this Fund.
- 6) The following general budgeted funds will have designated fund balances. The annual net operations of these funds will be transferred to the respective designated fund balance rather than revert to the General Fund:
 - a. Office Furniture & Equipment Replacement Fund
 - b. Delegate Expenses
 - c. Quadrennial Training Travel Fund
 - d. Health Insurance Fund
 - e. Pension Subsidy Fund
 - f. Annual Conference Meeting Fund
 - g. Emergency Maintenance Fund
 - h. Church Extension Fund
 - i. Moving Fund
 - j. Equitable Compensation Fund
- 7) All persons traveling for the Alaska Missionary Conference meetings of Committees, Commissions, and for the Annual Meeting are expected to travel at the lowest possible fare, including advanced ticket purchases, partnership tickets and PFD tickets when available. People are encouraged to do their own research and purchasing of tickets in order to find the lowest possible fare, submitting the receipt to the Conference Treasurer for reimbursement. Any fare submitted for reimbursement that is deemed by the Conference Treasurer not to be the lowest possible fare will be reimbursed only to the power of the lowest possible fare.
- 8) The following have been designated as Alaska Missionary Conference Advance Specials:
 - a. Alaska Children's Services
 - b. Birchwood Camp
 - c. Eagle River Camp
 - d. Nome Community Center
 - e. Alaska Pacific University

All members of the Alaska Missionary Conference are strongly encouraged to bring to the attention of United Methodists in Alaska these opportunities for giving.
- 9) An Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund was established by action of the 1996 Annual Meeting of the AMC for loans to local churches for emergency assistance with property, under policies developed by the Board of Trustees under the Administrative Unit.
- 10) It shall be the policy of the Alaska United Methodist Conference to pay 100% of all General Conference Apportionments. These funds are: Episcopal Fund, General; Conference Administration, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, World Service Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University Fund.

Report and Budget for 2009 were presented.

It was noted that the AUMC currently pays 56% of the General Conference apportionments that regular conferences pay. That number may be adjusted for the upcoming quadrennium.

Charlie Brower questioned the absence of \$10,400 in the 2009 Budget under Native Ministries for "*Giving Voice*".

The question was also raised as to whether Alaska Pacific University should be continued as an Advance Special, considering its very tenuous relationship to the AUMC at this time. At the direction of the Bishop, discussion of this matter will be concluded on Sunday afternoon.

General Conference Summary Report:

A summary of the events of General Conference was given by the delegates:

David Beckett
JoAnn Hayden
Kay Shock
Jim Docpken
Lonnie Brooks
Rachel Lieder Simeon
Georgina Dapcevich (*in absentia*)

The conference recessed for dinner and evening worship.

Friday Evening, May 30 Memorial Worship Service and Holy Communion

The Memorial Worship and Holy Communion Service was led by Bishop Edward Paup and Superintendent Rachel Lieder Simeon. Those members and friend of the AUMC who had died in the past year were lifted up in memory and prayer.

Words for the Communion Liturgy were written by Rev. Jim Campbell.

Saturday Morning, May 31 Morning Session

Saturday's session was opened with praise and worship.

Report of the Administrative Unit – Lonnie Brooks

Healthflex Report (Brenda Wingfield, Conference Benefits Officer) –

It is proposed that the participant's share of premiums be \$115.00 per month for 2009, which will be waived if the participant chooses single coverage, whether or not the participant is eligible for family coverage.

Family coverage under HealthFlex is optional. If a participant with a dependent family who has access to coverage in another plan opts out of HealthFlex family coverage and for single coverage, the participant must attest to availability of an alternative employer sponsored group

health insurance program with family coverage and provide the conference office with the name and address of the plan administrator. The waiver becomes effective when approved by the AMC superintendent. If waived, family coverage in HealthFlex may be reinstated at any time. If reinstatement occurs, payment of the premium for family coverage under HealthFlex will be shared by the pastor and the local church for the remainder of the calendar year, and will not result in a recalculation of the blended rate for the conference until January 1 of the next year.

If a clergy couple is appointed to a charge, if each member of the couple is appointed to 50% or greater, and if the couple has no other dependents coverable under the plan, then each member of the couple must be included in the plan at the single rate. Otherwise, they are eligible to choose the family plan.

Each local church will be billed one of two rates for each participant:

1. If an appointed cleric or clergy couple serving one charge has elected or must be provided single coverage, whether or not the cleric is eligible for family coverage, then the local church will be billed the blended rate for the AMC, less \$115 per month.
2. If an appointed cleric elects family coverage, the local church will be billed the blended rate, and, as provided above, the participant will pay \$115 per month of the premium, which may be deducted from the participant's salary by the church on a pretax basis.

The blended rate will be computed by dividing the estimated total HealthFlex premium obligation of the conference by the number of participants. This number will be properly adjusted to account for the waiver of the \$115 per month premium payment for those churches served by single participants or participants who choose single coverage.

It is the intent of the Administrative Unit to maintain the participant's copay at 20%, and the annual out of pocket limit at \$3,000.00 for a covered individual and \$6,000.00 for a covered family. However, those rates cannot be fixed until the coverage options have been prepared and presented to the AMC by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits (GBOPHB).

Though final figures can not be established until all appointments and participant elections have been made, for planning purposes it is **estimated** that the following rates will be chargeable to local churches:

1. Churches served by single clergy--\$1285 per month
2. Churches served by clergy family--\$1400 per month

It is proposed that the participant's share of Healthflex premiums be \$115 for 2009, which will be waived if the participant chooses single coverage, whether or not the participant is eligible for family coverage.

The AUMC will receive a rebate from Healthflex for 2007 in the amount of \$66,704. A motion was made by Brenda that the \$66,704 be put into a Healthflex Reserve Account of the AUMC. Seconded. Motion carried.

The entire Healthflex report was approved.

Board of Pensions Report – Brenda Wingfield

1. Salary, for purposes of pension computation, shall be the sum of the following:

- a. Cash salary, including Social Security allowance.
- b. Housing allowance, or when parsonage is provided, 25% of the cash salary
- c. Tax deferred annuity contribution paid by the salary paying unit
- 2. The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) contribution rate for **2009** shall be 3% of the appointed cleric's contribution base, full or part time, ordained or local pastor.
- 3. The Comprehensive Protection Program (CPP) contribution rate for **2009** shall be 3% of the contribution base of each appointed cleric. Part time local pastors are not covered under CPP.
- 4. All ordained clergy under episcopal appointment within the AMC and eligible for the AMC pension program shall be covered by the CPP, including those receiving less than minimum salary.
- 5. Clergypersons under Episcopal appointment (receiving compensation) at a local church, charge, conference or conference responsible unit or entity are eligible to participate in CRSP. (Part-time clergy may waive participation.)
- 6. Diaconal ministers and other laics serving churches and related institutions within the Alaska Missionary Conference and who are eligible may participate in the United Methodist Personal Investment Program (UMPIP). UMPIP is a voluntary retirement savings plan created by combining the Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund (CPBF) and the Personal Investment Plan (PIP), available as of January 2006.
- 7. The Past Service Pension Rate (PSPR) for **2009** shall be **\$579.00** per service year. It is the intention of the board that the PSPR be no less than 0.9% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC).
- 8. For pension recipients, the AMC may designate up to 100% of the pension payments to be allocated as housing allowance by the individual cleric. The amount may be excludable from income for federal income tax purposes.
- 9. For **2009** the following procedure will apply:
 - a. 100% of the pension obligation for the superintendent of AMC will be apportioned to the churches of the conference.
 - b. Each charge in the AMC to which one or more UMC clerics are appointed will be directly billed by the AMC Treasurer for the full amount of the pension obligation for the appointed UMC clergy.
 - c. Churches of the AMC to which a UM cleric is not appointed will not be billed for pensions.
- 10. Appointment to a fellowship, as opposed to an organized church, will have no effect on eligibility of an appointee for the accrual of pension benefits as herein provided.

The entire Board of Pensions report was approved.

Cokesbury Check – A motion was made and seconded that the check received from Cokesbury in the amount of \$579.47 be used to help fund the Central Conferences pension initiative. Motion approved.

Commission on Equitable Compensation -- Richard Whetsell and Lonnie Brooks

- 1. Minimum Salary for **2009** **\$35,850**
- 2. Minimum cash base compensation will include
 - a. Cash Salary
 - b. Social Security Allowance
 - c. Tax Sheltered Annuity Contributions
 - d. The distribution of Minimum Salary among the items in a-c above shall be determined between the pastor and the charge.
- 3. Additions to Minimum Salary

- a. Experience Factor—add \$200 per service year from date of ordination as a Deacon up to a maximum of ten years.
- b. In keeping with ¶359.6, retired clergy appointed to serve a charge in the AMC will not have a claim on the minimum salary, including the experience factor.
- c. Area Cost of Living Adjustment—add the following amounts

i. Anchorage	0%
ii. Fairbanks	5%
iii. Juneau	5%
iv. Girdwood	5%
v. Kenai Peninsula	\$ 10%
vi. Ketchikan	\$ 10%
vii. Nome	~~35~~ 45%
viii. Sitka	\$ 10%
ix. Unalaska	~~30~~ 45%
x. Wasilla	0%
xi. Willow	\$ 10%

4. Other Considerations

- a. A parsonage and full utilities or reasonable housing allowance shall be provided to pastors serving full-time appointments
- b. A local transportation allowance shall be provided to meet actual pastoral expenses in each situation
- c. A minimum of \$1,000 for Continuing Education expenses shall be provided

5. Equitable Compensation Fund for 2009 \$75,000

- a. To receive support from the Equitable Compensation Fund a church must have approval from the AMC Superintendent and the Commission on Equitable Compensation.
- b. If a church desires paid staff beyond the pastor, no request for Equitable Compensation support will be granted without a staffing plan and budget approved by the Commission and the Superintendent.
- c. Support from the fund is not available to any church which provides a compensation package exceeding the minimum for its location without the approval of the Commission and the Superintendent.
- d. The amount of support provided to any church from the fund will be negotiated among the charge, the Commission, and the Superintendent.
- c. The Superintendent will present annually to the Administrative Unit at its winter meeting in its capacity as the Commission on Equitable Compensation a plan developed by each charge in the AMC receiving support from the Equitable Compensation Fund. The plan will address at least the following questions:
 - i. Can this charge reasonably forecast a time when, to provide for its pastor, direct financial support from the AMC will not be required? If so, in what period of time can this be accomplished and what steps will be taken in order to bring this about?
 - ii. If this charge cannot forecast a time when Equitable Compensation Fund support will not be required to maintain a full time pastor, are there other viable options for ministry in this place that will allow a self supporting ministry, such as, but not limited to, merger of UM churches (¶ 2545), ecumenical shared ministry (¶ 207-211), or circuit or cooperative parish relationship with other UM churches (¶ 205.2)?
 - iii. If the forecast for this charge is that it will, for the foreseeable future, require support from the Equitable Compensation Fund to

maintain a full time pastor, and no cooperative relationship is possible that will help, and a state of permanent financial dependency on the AMC is necessary and desirable, then the special circumstances of the charge that create this need and prevent financial independence shall be described in the plan.

Petition #2 from Southeastern Regional Program Council: Cost of Living Allowances should be paid by the AUMC rather than by the local churches. Discussion of this petition was postponed until CCFA could discuss it and formulate a response.

Amendment to Equitable Compensation Report item 3c iv that the COLA for Girdwood be raised from 5% to 7.5%. Motion carried.

Equitable Compensation Report item 5 was put off for discussion at a later time.

Motion to adopt Items 1-4 of the report of the Commission on Equitable Compensation was approved.

Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund A fund called the Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund (EMLF) was created by the Alaska Missionary Conference in 1996. Responsibility for administration of the fund was given to the Administrative Unit. The following guidelines were established by the AMC in 1998 for administration and operation of the EMLF.

The purpose of the EMLF is to allow the AMC to receive title on property now held by the GBGM, without being unprepared for emergencies related to those properties. The EMLF would be made available to assist churches during times of extreme crisis.

The EMLF will be available for loans for emergency maintenance of United Methodist churches and institutions in the Alaska Missionary Conference. A loan may be obtained by contacting the Chairperson of the Administrative Unit or the Conference Superintendent. Approval by at least three members of the Administrative Unit is required before the loan can be provided.

The amount of any loan cannot exceed \$30,000. The terms of any loan will be as follows:

- a. Loans paid in full within one year will be interest-free.
- b. Loans extending beyond one year will be charged interest at 1/2 point under prime.
- c. In no case shall a loan extend beyond five years.

Report approved.

Church Location and Buildings – Lonnie Brooks

In keeping with ¶260.4 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the AMC Board of Church Location and Building makes the following recommendations:

1. The New Ministries Committee, in cooperation with the AMC Superintendent, shall carefully study the demographics, the history, the economics, and the missional needs of any area in which the organization of a new United Methodist local church is contemplated.
2. If the Superintendent considers it to be desirable to proceed, the Superintendent shall follow the provisions of ¶260 of the Book of Discipline and shall early in the process notify the Board of Church Location and Building of its interest in establishing the church.

3. In the case of an existing United Methodist fellowship, the Superintendent shall follow the same procedures, except that the New Ministries Committee shall have a role in the process only if invited to do so by the Superintendent.
4. It shall be considered to be normal not to hold a constituting church conference (§260.7 through §260.9) until the number of people interested in becoming charter members of the new church reaches one hundred (100) (§260.5).
5. In certain highly missional circumstances the requirement of a minimum of 100 charter members may be waived upon agreement between the Superintendent and the Board of Church Location and Building. The decision may be based upon criteria chosen by the parties, but the parties are encouraged to consider as relevant the potential for self supporting ministry, opportunities for cooperative parish ministries (§206), the possibility of ecumenical shared ministries (§207), especially with other churches who are members of Churches Uniting in Christ, and the benefits of circuit ministries (§205.2).

Report on Church Location and Buildings approved.

Alaska United Methodist Foundation – Jackie Miller DeGregorio

The Alaska United Methodist Foundation has two accounts invested with The United Methodist Foundation of the Northwest: the Society of Northern Light Account, with a balance of \$4,563.83 and the Thomas H. Dahl Memorial Ministry Fund, with a balance of \$103,837.79, as of March 31, 2008.

In an effort to create vision and mission statements for the Foundation, in the fall of 2007, members of the Foundation met with the Conference Superintendent to set goals for use of the funds that are invested in the Foundation. Goals that were discussed include:

- the creation of a church of all nations to help those who have immigrated to Alaska,
- the establishment of indigenous native ministry in Alaska villages,
- the support of the Conference's "mission within a mission," and
- financial assistance with new church starts (new worship services or new ministries).

Discussion of where these contributions to the funds will come included solicitations from within Alaska as well as from outside (for example VIM teams). The goal of these marketing efforts is to raise monies for the Conference and not for individual congregations.

Support was also a discussion item. In addition to marketing efforts, we need volunteers or staff support to track donations and send thank you notes.

Thomas H. Dahl Mission Fund Proposal

(Action Required)

It is recommended that 90% of the net settlement proceeds resulting from the St. Paul litigation be used for the creation of a fund within the AMC Foundation, the earnings of which will be made available for new ministries and Native ministries, those earnings to be disbursed at the request of the New Ministries Committee and/or the Native Ministries Committee following consultation with the AMC Superintendent. The remaining 10% of the net settlement proceeds will be made available for new ministries and Native ministries, those funds to be disbursed at the request of the New Ministries Committee and/or the Native Ministries Committee following consultation with the AMC Superintendent. This fund shall be known as the Thomas H. Dahl Mission Fund.

United Methodist Men (Jim LaBau, President; Charlie Brower, Vice President)
Report accepted.

Conference recessed for lunch.

Saturday, May 31
Afternoon Session

Report of the Board of Trustees -- Lonnie Brooks

Gift Receipt Policy of The Alaska Conference – See Rule Change # 1

Gifts of property other than cash to the Alaska Conference will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees for conformance to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and other policies of The UMC and of the Alaska Conference. In evaluating conformance to principles and policies, full appropriate attention will be given to the liquidity of the gift, and stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities may, in general, be considered as essentially cash, since the Alaska Conference will not be required to hold any such gift for any extended period of time. If the gifts are found to conform to those principles and policies, they will be received by the Board. Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities received as gifts may be liquidated at the discretion of the Board. A recommendation for the use and/or disposition of other kinds of property received as gifts will be made by the Board to the Alaska Conference upon consultation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A) and the Conference Coordinating Council (CCC), or, in situations where alternatives are limited and exigency demands, disposition and liquidation may occur under the provisions of ¶2515 of the 2004 Book of Discipline. When this type property has been liquidated (converted to cash), the money will be treated thereafter as a gift of cash.

The receipt of restricted cash gifts wherein the donor has designated the gift to be used for purposes other than established funds and campaigns within the Alaska Conference is subject to the approval of CCF&A. Undesignated gifts of cash to the Alaska Conference and designated gifts of cash to previously approved funds and campaigns will be received by the Treasurer acting under the direction of CCF&A. If the gift had been anticipated and included within the budget of the Alaska Conference, the funds will be handled as determined by action of the Conference. If the gift had not been included within a previous budget of the Conference, then CCF&A will consult with the CCC and other program bodies of the Conference to include a plan for the disposition of the gift in the next budget to be proposed to the Conference.

Gifts to the Alaska Conference Foundation will be handled according to the policies of the Foundation as approved by the Alaska Conference.

Additional items:

The following properties are owned by the Alaska Conference:

Mission House—Rental property producing revenue.

Wesleyan House—Rental Property producing revenue

Birchwood Camp—Managed by its own board of directors

Hope Retreat Center—Managed by its own board of directors

In addition, as of this writing the board is in negotiations with the General Board of Global Ministries to acquire conditional title to several other real properties in Alaska currently owned by GBGM, notably including the land on which the buildings of Alaska Children's Services sit. If this property is acquired by the board, then it will be sold to ACS for \$2,000,000.

Approved as presented.

Rule Change #4 – COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (CONAM)
(presented by Kay Shock after consultation with Lonnie Brooks, Charlie Brower, and Richard Whetzel):

"The purpose of the Committee on Native American Ministries is to be in ministry with Native American people, particularly Alaska Natives, to celebrate the enrichment Alaskans share as we worship and minister together, and to maintain connective relationships.

MEMBERSHIP shall be selected by Native Elders of the AUMC. It is recommended that representation be sought from each of the four program regions of the Conference.

The CONAM shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the Chairperson, who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, and elected at Annual Conference."

Rule change approved as presented.

New Ministries Committee – Jon Disburg

Request for Declaratory Decision – Lonnie Brooks

Under its authority in ¶2610.2.(j) of the 2004 *Book of Discipline*, the Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) asks the United Methodist Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on the meaning, application, and effect of ¶4 of the 2004 *Book of Discipline* as it relates to ¶¶214 and 225 on the matter of the mandatory or permissive nature of the language concerning membership in The United Methodist Church.

Since the annual conference is the basic (¶33) and fundamental (¶11) body of The UMC, it is primarily through the annual conference that local churches are connected to the Church. They are so connected by virtue of the election of lay members of the conference coupled with the requirement that those lay members report to the local church (¶¶247.14 and 251.2). In addition the clergy appointed to those churches have their membership in and are responsible to the annual conference (¶¶330.5, 333.2, 362.2, and 634.2). Membership in local churches provides the basis on which annual conference representation in the Church beyond the annual conference is determined (¶15.(2)). Thus membership in local churches and the role that pastors of local churches have in the process of recruiting and receiving members is vitally related to and inseparable from the work of the annual conference.

The specific questions which the AUMC addresses to the Judicial Council are the following:

1. Does the phrase "shall be eligible" as it appears in the sentence, "All persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection" of ¶4 constitute mandatory language meaning that such discretion that exists in the membership process rests with the applicant for membership, not with the local church pastor being asked to receive the applicant into membership in the Church?

2. As it stands in ¶214 and ¶225, is the permissive language “may” conditioned by the mandatory language of ¶4 so that the permissive language of ¶¶214 and 225 must be understood as permissive to the benefit of the applicant for membership, not to the local church pastor or the local church, since the derivative law of neither of those paragraphs may modify the Constitution, the primary law of the Church?
3. If the answer to the preceding two questions is in the affirmative, will this decision have the effect of reversing Judicial Council Decision 1032?

After Lonnie Brooks presented the request, a brief discussion followed. Bishop Paup called for a vote. The request was unanimously affirmed (62 in favor, 0 against)

Committee on Native Ministries – Charlie Brower

The Native Ministries Committee after reorganizing in 2006 used 2007 to find its footings. The committee is now composed of all but one as Native Alaskans. From the gathering of Native Ministries Committee the following accomplishments are noted:

1. The shared outreach of Alaska’s United Methodist Clergy to the Presbyterian Church in Barrow was born of contacts through Charles Brower of the Native Ministry Committee. It was also Charles Brower who helped facilitate contacts for the Bishop and Superintendent as they attended functions of the Alaska Federation of Natives.
2. It was hoped that these contacts would result in the establishing of a \$500.00 annual reward to an Alaskan Native Student who demonstrated excellence in leadership. This award was not realized and so the funds were redirected through the Native Ministry outreach. We used these funds to join with the Episcopal Church as it ministers to families who have Alaska Native loved ones incarcerated in prisons in Arizona.
3. The Native Ministries Committee was essential in carrying through the fifth gathering of Native Elders called Giving Voice. Again, Charles Brower became central to the functioning of this group of sixteen Elders from around the state. During the gathering, elders met with the Bishop and superintendent as well as the leadership of the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches. These elders ministered to the people at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and The Alaska Native Hospital.
4. The Native Ministries Committee also encouraged the re-formation of the Nome Youth Choir with hopes and financial support of bringing the choir to our 2008 Annual Conference.
5. The Native Ministries Committee has worked to lift up the Conference Mission Priority of helping the endowment for pastor’s salaries in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Personal Privilege – Dennis Holway introduced Ken Lee, new Director of Birchwood Camp, to the members of the Conference.

Personal Privilege – Brenda Wingfield introduced Kathy Morse, pastor of First UMC of Everett, WA; recipient of this year’s Turnagain Fellowship for Preaching in honor of Rachel Lieder Simeon.

Petition #2 – Response from CCFA

“The CCFA is supportive of the concept and the need for connectional strengthening and would refer Petition #2 for further study by a task force to be appointed by the Bishop and Conference Superintendent. The members of the task force will be named by the end of this 2008 Annual Conference session, and will be charged with the comprehensive study of issues involved in funding appointed leadership in Alaska.”

Response approved.

Administrative Unit Report *(continued)***Commission on Equitable Compensation****Recommendation #5**

Equitable Compensation Fund for 2009

\$75,000

- f. To receive support from the Equitable Compensation Fund a church must have approval from the AMC Superintendent and the Commission on Equitable Compensation.
- g. If a church desires paid staff beyond the pastor, no request for Equitable Compensation support will be granted without a staffing plan and budget approved by the Commission and the Superintendent.
- h. Support from the fund is not available to any church which provides a compensation package exceeding the minimum for its location without the approval of the Commission and the Superintendent.
- i. The amount of support provided to any church from the fund will be negotiated among the charge, the Commission, and the Superintendent.
- j. The Superintendent will present annually to the Administrative Unit at its winter meeting in its capacity as the Commission on Equitable Compensation a plan developed by each charge in the AMC receiving support from the Equitable Compensation Fund. The plan will address at least the following questions:
 - i. Can this charge reasonably forecast a time when, to provide for its pastor, direct financial support from the AMC will not be required? If so, in what period of time can this be accomplished and what steps will be taken in order to bring this about?
 - ii. If this charge cannot forecast a time when Equitable Compensation Fund support will not be required to maintain a full time pastor, are there other viable options for ministry in this place that will allow a self supporting ministry, such as, but not limited to, merger of UM churches (§ 2545), ecumenical shared ministry (§ 207-211), or circuit or cooperative parish relationship with other UM churches (§ 205.2)?
 - iii. If the forecast for this charge is that it will, for the foreseeable future, require support from the Equitable Compensation Fund to maintain a full time pastor, and no cooperative relationship is possible that will help, and a state of permanent financial dependency on the AMC is necessary and desirable, then the

special circumstances of the charge that create this need and prevent financial independence shall be described in the plan.

Recommendation approved.

Outdoor Ministries – Von Cawvey

The Outdoor Ministries Committee wishes to thank the Conference for the financial support provided to our camps in 2007 and again in 2008. The allotted funds have greatly relieved the pressures being felt by Birchwood and Eagle River Camps and will help sustain the ministry and hospitality for which the camps are known around the conference and in their local communities.

The past year has been one of learning and sharing for OMC members. The fall committee meeting was held at the Eagle River Camp in Southeast. This provided members a chance to meet the Camp's governing committee/directors, to see and appreciate the camp facilities, and to witness firsthand the tremendous results achieved by a dedicated group of wonderful volunteers.

Eagle River Camp is worried about their future. Operating costs continue to increase while camp guests continue to decline. Although Birchwood Camp operates with a larger budget, it faces many of the same challenges. Discussion at the winter OMC meeting focused on the need to set a new direction for the camps, with all three entities (Birchwood, Eagle River, and Hope Retreat Center) needing to work together, possibly under the direct governance of the OMC or a conference appointed executive director. Future work of the Committee will center on developing such an approach. Your prayers and ideas are appreciated as we work toward the common goal of providing Outdoor Ministry opportunities to the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Conference Council on Youth Ministries – Adam Muhr

At last year's Annual Conference, the decision was made to re-boot the CCYM. We began this year with a new group of adult leaders and were assigned with the task to restructure the programs and systems of youth ministry at the conference level so that we could best serve the needs for youth ministry in our state.

We currently have four adults who serve on the CCYM, and plan to add a group of youth during the Annual Conference meeting this year. Our current group is Julia Vea (Anchor Park), Adam Muhr (St. John), Clarice Moore (Fairbanks), and Laura Skiba (Nikiski). Below are a few items that the group has discussed and worked on over the past year.

CCYM Coordinator: The need for a CCYM Coordinator was brought up by the youth at Annual Conference in 2007. We affirmed the need for central connectional youth leadership in the conference, and have refined the Job outline proposal that had been created in 2007. We plan to submit this as a new part time position in the conference, or suggest that it is made into an important part of the job description for the next Director of Connectional Ministries that is hired by the conference.

Website: We are working to develop a youth ministry web site for the conference. The site will include resources for youth ministry, a calendar of events, a blog for discussions, and various other tools for connecting youth programs both here and around the world.

Camping: The following are some new items that we have begun working on in order to create a better connection with our youth camps.

1. Conference youth camp to be held each year in the summer

2. This will be a combined JH and SH camp (week long)
3. Snow camp to be held every four years, and will be marketed regionally (PNW)
4. The first all conference summer camp will be in August 2009 (August 2-6). Combined JH and SH.
5. Next conference wide snow camp will be in December 2010.

We have also worked on ideas for regional events, youth worker training, and a conference wide mission trip to Mexico in 2009. The group also established a plan to include youth at Annual Conference this year, and hope that youth will become more active in the business of the Annual Conference in the future.

Conference Youth Director Proposal:

Job Title: Conference Youth Director

Rationale:

The Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church needs centralized youth and young adult leadership. Local youth leaders are extremely busy and do not have conference wide support for beginning and sustaining important conference programming. As a smaller conference, it is important to be able to connect with other churches, and pool our collective resources. Centralized youth ministry leadership could serve to motivate and equip local churches in order to help them attract young people and to excel in ministry with youth and young adults. There is a strong desire from both youth and youth leaders to have this position made reality within the conference.

Equipping and training

1. Helping local churches in developing youth ministry positions whether volunteer or professional.
2. Help local churches locate qualified individuals for youth and young adult ministry
3. Train, equip and encourage local youth workers
4. Help local churches develop program design and philosophy for ministry to youth and young adults
5. Encourage and help create interdenominational connections

Program Oversight

1. Plan and lead Snow Camp (every four years)
2. Help resource and lead other youth camps
3. Resource regional youth events in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula and Juneau
4. Communicate with local churches about denomination wide youth initiatives and programs.
5. Plan and lead a yearly confirmation retreat.
6. Help with youth camps

Leadership Development

1. Create support network among youth workers in Alaska
2. Organize and advise the conference youth council

Requirements –

Bachelors or Masters degree in ministry or related fields
6-10 years of youth ministry experience

Part time – 15 hours weekly

Salary – \$18,000 no benefits

Travel Exp. \$3,600 and

Professional Exp. \$1,200

Program Budget \$1,200

Total Budget – \$24,000

The request for a Conference Youth Director will be referred to the CCC for consideration as all conference staffing is contemplated.

Statistician's Report – Jim LaBau

Report approved as presented.

Petition #1 – ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROPERTY TASK FORCE

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON: Form a task force to be made up of the Superintendent, the Chair of the Administrative Unit, the Chair of the Conference Coordinating Council, the Chair of the New Ministries Committee, and the President of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration to study the feasibility of the Conference's acquiring a portion of the land being sold to Alaska Children's Services, pursuant to the 27 Mar 08 resolution taken by the ACS Board of Directors which authorized the Board to "work collaboratively with the Alaska Missionary Conference to develop a mutually beneficial facility on the Jesse Lee Campus of Alaska Children's Services.

RATIONALE:

It may or may not be mutually advantageous for the development of a portion of this land for a Conference facility of some kind, but the window for exercising the option to do that is open for a limited period of two years. The Conference should move expeditiously to determine whether or not that should be done.

TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY: ACS Property Task Force

COSTS: \$3,000.00, to be taken from the proceeds of the sale.

This Conference is being asked to approve.

Petition approved with no discussion.

Report of the Lay Leader – Lonnie Brooks

Lonnie stated that he will work out his vision of what it means to be Lay Leader over the course of the Quadrennium.

He reflected that, 22 years ago, "*The Gathering*" pondered the theme: *Vital Congregations, Faithful Disciples*. The primary locus of mission and ministry in the Church is at the local church level. There are 8.5 million United Methodists in the United States; 8,460,000 of them are laity. Most have their experience of the Church in a local church.

Practically speaking, what does this mean? Laity have tremendous power to effect the decision-making of the Church. Knowledge is power.

Lonnie sees the purpose of his position is to act as both a prod and a catalyst; to be a permanent thorn in the side of The United Methodist Church.

Report of the Bishop – Bishop Paup spoke of a visit to the Portland Test Rose Gardens. So much goes into the creation of one rose. So much is required to create beauty and fragrance. Beauty and fragrance are what draw people aside, captivated by what they see and smell.

Our relationship with God is not simply a personal relationship. What is in the soil of our connection that helps us to produce great beauty and great fragrance?

"Open hearts, open minds, open doors" ... sometimes we have to go out into the community and invite people in.

Dennis Holway – Encouraged each person present and each local church to study *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. His hope is that the study of this book can tie our Conference together during the coming year.

Report of the Conference Superintendent – Rachel Lieder Simeon noted the following:

- Ninilchik has been having 45 people in worship on Sundays. This is a congregation to watch!
- She had searched back through the past 16 conference Journals and discovered that the death of 102 professional church workers have been reported over the past 15 years. Recruitment is a HUGE issue.
 - In the AUMC, we utilize two different kinds of interims: strategic interims and place-holder interims.
 - Place-holders have become especially important as we search for just the right person for a given ministry setting
- We need to continue to see Apportionments as both a privilege and a responsibility
- She hopes we will continue to be connected to PNW Conference, which is a very fruitful relationship
- The St. Paul litigation is over, but they are not quite done. The "Friends of St. Paul" were at General Conference and had written a book. It is a story of accountability and of how to be the Church of Jesus Christ. It is a story we must not forget.
- In 2008-09 in the AUMC, one-third of our clergy will be under the age of 45
- In closing, she requested that we focus on three things:
 - Do good
 - Do no harm
 - Stay in love with God

Election of Jurisdictional Nominees:

- 1 to 5 clergymen
- 1 to 6 clergywomen
- 1 to 6 laymen
- 1 to 5 laywomen

Those numbers should include:

- 2 African-Americans
- 2 Asian-Americans
- 2 Native Americans
- 2 Hispanic Americans

We should also seek to nominate 1 to 5 of the following:

Youth less than 19 years of age
Young adults 18 to 30 years of age
Older adults 64 years of age or older
People with disabilities

Personal Privilege – Richard Whetzel introduced Tom Hazelwood, Assistant General Secretary of Domestic Disaster for UMCOR. Tom addressed the Conference, saying no matter what the disaster, they all look alike. But the personal stories are always unique. We are part of an organization that helps people put their lives back together.

Conference Treasurer Craig Parrish – Pam is his assistant. He addressed the Conference, telling us he doesn't like to just sit in the office and do spread sheets. He wants to make a difference with the work he does. He is willing to be a resource for us both at the Conference and at the local church level.

Personal Privilege – Rachel Lieder Simcon proudly told us that daughter Kate's boat came in 3rd today in a regional meet in Sacramento.

Personal Privilege – JoAnn Hayden asked us to remember the special offerings that are designated by The United Methodist Church each year. Because of the offering for the Methodist Education Fund, Elizabeth Perry, who is currently attending Boston University, will be receiving a scholarship from our Conference this year in order to continue her studies.

Personal Privilege – Peter Perry requested prayers for Betsy Smith of the Seward UMC, who has been moved to Seattle following a lung transplant.

Personal Privilege – Bishop Paup requested prayers for his daughter, Tamara, who had a cornea transplant in February and has begun to be able to see. In mid-March she received a second corneal transplant, and for the first time in her life, she can see!

Report of the United Methodist Women – Julia Smith

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

As we work to fulfill the purpose of UMW this year we have celebrated, educated, raised money for missions, worshiped, honored those who work for racial justice, elected women to carry on the work. Celebration and education was a part of the Pacific Regional School of Christian Missions attended by all the conference officers. The three studies, "Music and Mission", "Israel and Palestine", and "Globalization" have been taught at Regional Mission Education Events, and in local churches by conference officers.

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The Annual Meeting of UMW was held September 28-30, 2007. Annual meeting is a combination retreat, education event, mission celebration, as well as a time to conduct the business of UMW. This year's Racial and Social Justice Award was given to Ma'O Tose and Danita Nelson for their work in the communities of Anchorage and Ketchikan. We celebrated the giving of over \$25,000.00 in mission giving by the local UMW units.

At the Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting April 4-6, 2008, held in Honolulu, there were over 30 Alaskans attending. We are honored and excited that JoAnne Hayden was elected as Women's Division Director for the next four years.

UMW continues to follow the example of Christ to care for the needs of others through the ministries of the church.

The quadrennial Jurisdiction Meeting was held in Honolulu in March. JoAnn Hayden was elected to the Women's Division Board of Directors. In all 32 women from Alaska attended the Jurisdictional Meeting.

Adam Muhr reported that \$687.30 was raised for the "*Nothing But Nets*" program at the afternoon's Ice Cream Social.

Sunday's agenda was reviewed, then the conference was dismissed for dinner.

Saturday, May 31 Service of Farewell

The following leaving the Alaska United Methodist Conference were honored: Bishop Edward and Carol Paup; Superintendent Rachel Lieder Simeon; Dan and Beverly Wanders; Darryl Hinshaw; Lucy Barton; Tony and Beverly Ashworth; Richard Gilbert; Curt Karnes.

The Harry Denman Evangelism Award was presented to Lynne Kennedy

Sunday, June 1 Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with song and prayer.

The Task Force to Examine Issues of Appointed Leadership in the Conference was announced by Bishop Paup:

Conference Superintendent Dennis Holway
Conference Lay Leader Lonnie Brooks
Lynn Kennedy (laity, K)
Teri Erbele (clergy, SE)
Leila Disburg (clergy, SC)
Phyllis Sullivan (laity, N)

We received approximately \$10,000 for our missional priority for 2007-08, OIMC.

Missional Priority for 2008-09 – The following motion was made: That the Missional Priority for the 2008-09 year be Native lay leadership in Alaska villages. This program will be set up by the interim Conference Superintendent. It was suggested that we set up at table at the AFN convention to try to discern who might be interested, what communities might be interested in receiving leadership, and what kind of leadership that might be. Motion approved.

CCFA 2009 Budget – Debra Lindsay-Hudgins

The 2009 Budget was initially presented to the Conference on Friday. One correction was noted: p. 39, line 39 – the budgeted amount for the Conference Council on Youth Ministry should be shown as \$8,000 for both 2008 and 2009, bringing the total at the bottom of the column to \$229,261. That brings the total Conference Budget for 2009, reflected on p. 40, to \$723,770.

- Funds for travel for the task force to study clergy compensation will come from the Parish Partners line item
- The correction to the CCYM line and the need to fund the task force will impact Apportionments
- Debra Lindsay-Hudgins made a motion to add a #10 to CCFA's report: "The Annual Conference will pay 100% of its General Church Apportionments."
- Item #8e – Lonnie Brooks noted that, since the President of Alaska Pacific University is no longer United Methodist; since the Bishop no longer serves on the Board of Trustees; since the most significant religious presence on the Board of Trustees is Roman Catholic; if we want, as a Conference, to support a University, we might do well to choose another school. Rachel Lieder Simeon made a motion to amend #8e: "That we study the Conference's relationship with APU during the coming year, and have a discussion led by PMU at the 2009 Conference session. Seconded. Approved.

The Bishop called for a vote on the addition of #10 and the amended #8. Approved.

Budget discussion – Debra Lindsay-Hudgins noted that we have approximately \$15,000 in the Parish Partners Fund, so the funding of the task force will not affect the 2009 Apportionments. Page 40, line 25 of the pre-conference handbook should reflect an anticipated income from Apportionments in 2009 of \$636,770. She moved the adoption of the budget.

The following questions/issues were raised:

- How is the Mission Aid Fund (page 37, line 33) used? Rachel Lieder Simeon explained that it is for churches to apply to use for HealthFlex or pensions; it replaced the former Pension Support Fund. If it is not used during a fiscal year, those funds go into the General Fund / reserve.
- What is the purpose of the line labeled Connectional Ministries (p. 39, line 23)? Rachel responded that that money was for the position of Director of Connectional Ministries. Some of these funds will be used in support of the new position being established. Some may also be used as Conference leadership gathers to make decisions about future Conference staffing.
- What is the necessity of having a line for CCC travel, since the members of the CCC should all have their travel expenses covered by the committees on which they serve? Rachel noted that the CCC travel line item was to

cover the expense of travel for the leaders of the various Regional Program Councils to come to CCC meetings.

- Conference Rule 6.45, found on page 83 of the 2007 Conference Journal, states that the proposed Conference budget cannot be changed more than \$1000 without advance notice being given to the Conference. What about unspent monies and our tendency to continue to raise Apportionments to the local church. Bob Meyers, outgoing Conference Treasurer, noted that such unspent funds provide reserves which are used to provide cash flow for the Conference. The AUMC has never set a floor or ceiling on cash flow/reserves.
- Why is the Clergy Recruitment Fund line item (p. 37, line 31) as high as \$5000? Rachel noted that, in past years, travel for recruitment has been coming from the Superintendent's Travel Fund, making it appear inordinately high. This adjustment will more adequately reflect the cost of bringing new clergy to Alaska.
- Would it be possible for the CCFA 2009 report to the Conference reflect both a "Budgeted" and an "Actual" column. Craig Parrish will be happy to comply with this request.

Debra Lindsay-Hudgins noted the request received from Charlie Brower for an addition to the 2009 Budget for a Native Elders conference. CCC recommends that we use money received from the Virginia Annual Conference (given to help fund Native ministries) be used to offset the cost of this addition. It is a four-year request, and the money received from Virginia would fund it in its totality. Therefore, there would be no impact upon the budget.

The Bishop called for a vote on the 2009 budget. Approved.

Jurisdictional Nominees – It was moved that we give the power of nomination to the Jurisdictional delegation to fill the slate of nominees from the AUMC. Motion carried.

Annual Conference 2009 – An invitation was received to hold next year's Annual Conference at Anchor Park UMC. Motion carried. Dates for the Conference have tentatively been set for May 29-31, 2009.

Thanks were extended to the staff and congregation of St. John United Methodist Church for hosting this year's Conference; to Conference Secretaries Brenda Wingfield and Debra Lindsay-Hudgins; to Jan Wachsmuth for overseeing this year's Cokesbury display; to all those who provided meals and sustenance; to Lonnie Brooks, our able Conference Parliamentarian; to Rachel Lieder Simeon, Conference Superintendent; to Leila Disburg for her worship leadership; and to Tom Wilson for his leadership regarding church Foundations.

Phyllis Sullivan and David Fison will represent the AUMC to the Alaska Christian Conference.

A motion for adjournment of the 37th Session of the Alaska United Methodist Conference was offered by the Conference Secretary. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

B. Disciplinary Questions

The answers to these questions are on file with the conference Secretary. Most of the information is contained in other parts of the journal.

C. Appointments Conference Year 2008-2009

Code:

AMD - Associate Member, Deacon

DM - Diaconal Minister

FD - Deacon in Full Connection

FE - Full Elder

OF - Member of Other Denomination

* - Less than fulltime

RE - Retired Elder

FL - Full-time Local Pastor

PL - Part-time Local Pastor

PE - Probationary Elder

(I) - Interim

<u>Appointment</u> <u>Charge – Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Year</u>
Superintendent	Dennis B. Holway RE	1
Anchorage:		
Anchor Park	Jon Disburg FE	2
	Leila Disburg FE	2
East	Jon Disburg FE	2
	Leila Disburg FE	2
First	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins FE	9
First Samoan	Sailitai Maga* FL	5/12
Jewel Lake	Lauren Kay Shock FE	8
Korean	Woo Shoung Park * PE	4
St. John	David Beckett FE	10
	JoAnn Schaadt FE	3
	J. Rose McLean DM	22
Turnagain	James Campbell FE	6
Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut FE	1
Douglas		
Douglas Community	Imelda Ramos FE	4
Fairbanks		
First	Thomas Telfer FE	4
Girdwood		
Girdwood Chapel	James Doeppen FE	9
Homer		
Homer	Charles Martindell FE	1
Juneau:		
Aldersgate	Judy Shook FE (I)	1
Northern Light United	Jesse Perry OF	4
Kenai:		
New Covenant	Martha (Marti) Slater FE	1
Ketchikan:		
First	Evelyn (Ev) Erbele GBGM	1
	Terrence (Teri) Erbele GBGM	1
Ninilchik:		
St. Peter the Fisherman	Julie Wasser* PL	6
Nome:		
Community	Julie Yoder Elmore* IP	1
	David Elmore* IP	1

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North Kenai:

North Star	Laura Skiba FE	5
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North Pole:

New Hope	Karen Martin Tichenor FE	1
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Seward/Moose Pass

Peter Perry FE	2
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Sitka

Allen Baggett* FE	4
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Linda Baggett* FE	4
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Soldotna

Richard Whetsell FE	4
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Unalaska

Daniel Wilcox FE	2
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Wasilla/Palmer:

Christ First &	Tori Hicks FE	1
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Palmer Fellowship	Robert Hicks* FE	1
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Willow

Stephen Eldred FE	8
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Extension Appointment

Elder in Residence	Della Waghiyi RE	2
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Deaconess

Willow/Anvik/Grayling	Fran Lynch	12
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C. Laypersons and Harry Denman Award Recipients

Year	Layperson of the Year	Harry Denman Award
2008	Betty J. Worthington, Chugiak	Lynne Kennedy, Soldotna
2007	KJ Metcalf, Northern Light	Kay Abrams, Chugiak
2006	Karen Chase, Seward	*
2005	Arlene Wood, Jewel Lake	<i>Walt Hays</i> , St. John
2004	Keith Sworts, First Fairbanks	Rose McLean, St. John
2003	Leslie Baker, Nikiski	Arlene Brovald, Jewel Lake
2002	*	*
2001	Don Gotschall	*
2000	*	*
1999	*	*
1998	*	Fran Lynch & <i>Jim Campbell</i> , Willow
1997	Susie Smalley, Soldotna	*
1996	Natalie Brooks, Chugiak	*
1995	Phyllis Folta, Willow	<i>Sailitai Maga</i> , Turnagain & <i>Waldemar Bobrowski</i> , Ninilchik
1994	Jodi Martinez, East Anchorage	<i>Bonnie Campbell</i> , Unalaska
1993	Dale Davidson, Turnagain	Jan Cawvey, First Anchorage
1992	May Campbell, Aldersgate	<i>Divid Fison</i> , St. John & Verda Carey, Douglas
1991	Ellen Northrup, Aldersgate	Harry & Ann Janzen, Sitka
1990	Maynard Gross, Homer	Les & Betty Ludlum, St. John & <i>John Campbell</i> , Aldersgate
1989	Verda Carey, Douglas	Lane Reese, St. John
1988	Natalie Brooks, Chugiak	Julia Smith, Sitka & <i>Wayne Weld-Martin</i> , St. John
1987	Roland Stanton, Ketchikan	Sharon Cooper, Aldersgate
1986	Bea Shepard & Claudia Kelsey, Douglas	Richard Haight, Northern Light & <i>Geo-Chang Park</i> , Anchorage Korean
1985	Eva Christian, Willow/Parks Hwy.	Jackie Campbell, Seward & <i>Jack Christiansen</i> , Parks Hwy.
1984	*	<i>John Garvin</i> , ACS & Willie Senungetuk, Nome
1983	*	Nu & Halatoa Saulala, Tongan & Samoan; & <i>Art Edwards</i> , Anchor Park
1982	*	<i>Jim Buffington</i> & Reese Havens, First ANC; & Joyce Edwards, Anchor Park
1981	*	Robert Smay, St. John
*	No information or no award given	Clergy denoted in <i>italics</i>

A. Regional Program Councils

Kenai Peninsula Regional Program Council - Sandy Stark

John 4:36 "He who reaps ...gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice **together**."

Our connections through time, changing church leadership and membership show what is sowed in Christ's name is often harvested at a later time. Likewise, we acknowledge the efforts of those who came before us.

Together we have:

- Gathered for a Summer Social of Kenai Peninsula Methodists at Kenai Municipal Park
- Were uplifted by the Strathdee Concerts in Soldotna and Seward
- Learned more about the Israel-Palestine situation through UMW mission education at Soldotna, Homer, and Seward/Moose Pass
- Continued Kairos ministry involvement at Wildwood Correctional Center
- Nourished youngsters through breakfast programs at Nikiski's North Star and Soldotna and a lunch program at Homer along with a Community Food Pantry
- Provided Seeds of Faith Preschool four days a week in Nikiski
- Provided innovative Christian education from Amazing Bible Race for youth to adult education
- Involved in Marriage Communication Workshop in Soldotna
- Planning for regional youth mission trip to Mexico in 2009
- Gathered for Winter Christmas Social at Richard & Karolann Whetsell's home in Soldotna.

Southcentral Regional Program Council - Betty Burke

In 2007-08, SCRPC gave program and financial support for:

- Summer College Ministry program which provided area college-age persons several opportunities to gather for fellowship and service
- Lay School of Theology in September that brought together over 50 inquiring minds to study Old and New Testament topics under stellar leadership from Perkins School of Theology
- Siblings with Special Needs training for one area leader
- Youth Lock-In for area-wide UMYF's joint fellowship event
- Jim and Jean Strathdee's concert tour which held 2 concerts and a workshop in our region
- Print advertisements for our area churches in a local newspaper summer supplement and Christmas Eve services section

Additionally, the SCRPC provided some funding to help defray costs for AMC's reserve delegates to prepare and attend General Conference 2008. We have also requested a non-reverting fund in our 2009 budget to reserve \$500 annually to prepare for funding the delegation for 2012.

SCRPC hopes to organize a UM Foundation workshop opportunity for the fall and a 2-track Lay Speaker training for 2009. Planning continues for a council retreat in the fall of 2008 to explore our mission and ministries for the future.

Southeast Regional Program Council - Loren Stanton

For many months the SERPC planned a Volunteers in Mission trip to South Texas to help with hurricane Rita Recovery. From February 25-29 volunteers from across Southeast

Alaska worked in Beaumont, Texas, on two homes that suffered at the hands of hurricane Rita. After 2.5 years the United Methodist Church is still at work in the area and has a well organized and coordinated ongoing effort. The team first put a roof on a house. The interior of the house was devastated as well but we did not get to gutting the house and redoing the interior.

The SERPC assisted each of the five churches plan their reception of the Strathdee musicians who then came to Sitka, Ketchikan, and Juneau. The council continues to support the Eagle River camp in as many ways as possible and promoted camps and camping throughout the year. We also had a youth convocation. Each church is showing vitality in their own way. We have had strong leadership in each church for a few years and this year we will see some turnover in our clergy and possibly some in our lay representation. Our churches are doing well and continue to work together to invigorate our worship and service to our communities.

B. Administrative Unit – Lonnie Brooks

For report of Trustees, HealthFlex, Board of Pensions, Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund, Alaska Missionary Conference Foundation and Equitable Compensation see pages 26 - 31.

Church Location and Building – Lonnie Brooks

In keeping with ¶260.4 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the AMC Board of Church Location and Building makes the following recommendations:

1. The New Ministries Committee, in cooperation with the AMC Superintendent, shall carefully study the demographics, the history, the economics, and the missional needs of any area in which the organization of a new United Methodist local church is contemplated.
2. If the Superintendent considers it to be desirable to proceed, the Superintendent shall follow the provisions of ¶260 of the Book of Discipline and shall early in the process notify the Board of Church Location and Building of its interest in establishing the church.
3. In the case of an existing United Methodist fellowship, the Superintendent shall follow the same procedures, except that the New Ministries Committee shall have a role in the process only if invited to do so by the Superintendent.
4. It shall be considered to be normal not to hold a constituting church conference (¶260.7 through ¶260.9) until the number of people interested in becoming charter members of the new church reaches one hundred (100) (¶260.5).
5. In certain highly missional circumstances the requirement of a minimum of 100 charter members may be waived upon agreement between the Superintendent and the Board of Church Location and Building. The decision may be based upon criteria chosen by the parties, but the parties are encouraged to consider as relevant the potential for self supporting ministry, opportunities for cooperative parish ministries (¶206), the possibility of ecumenical shared ministries (¶207), especially with other churches who are members of Churches Uniting in Christ, and the benefits of circuit ministries (¶205.2).

C. Council on Finance and Administration – Debra Lindsay-Hudgins

For report, see page 24.

D. Superintendent– Rachel Lieder Simeon

For report, see page 40.

E. Conference Lay Leader – Lonnie Brooks

For report, see page 40.

F. Commission on Archives and History – Michael Cline

Under archivist Larry Hayden's direction our archives are in good order and we encourage people to use this valuable resource. Contact Larry at 907-279-4862 or hayden@alaska.com if you are interested in our history or if you wish to view the archives. Further, we are anxious to receive church historical materials from individuals or churches. In this regard we have contacted all churches in the conference requesting written accounts of outstanding parishioners for our records.

The Commission was saddened by the passing of Claudia Kelsey, a long time member of the Commission, a devout Christian, and a historian who contributed a great deal over many years. Further, we will miss LuDean Knight and Dick Heacox who resigned for health reasons.

Larry Hayden represented us at the Western Jurisdictional meeting in Sacramento and, in 2008, will become treasurer of that Jurisdiction.

Finally, we are preparing for the Western Jurisdictional Archives and History meeting that will be held in Homer April 23-26, 2009. 2009 is "Alaska time" for church historians and all United Methodist historians are invited.

G. New Ministries – Fran Lynch

The past year the New Ministries Committee has considered several requests for funding that would go to new programs developed in ministry settings across the Conference. In the process of reviewing these and funding 3 Mini Grant requests we decided we needed to revisit the process for application for these grants. We did and redid it. We needed a method to ensure that all the churches and agencies heard about the grant possibility, that grants came to the Committee in a timely manner so they could be considered at our meetings, and that accountability for the spending of the grant was maintained.

This year at Annual Conference you will receive information about Gnu Grants and the Gnu Herder will help us understand what, when and how.

The mini grants we awarded this past year include the following: funding to the Palmer Fellowship so that it can have its own minister this next year, funds to Ketchikan to be used in the development of interagency program to assist the homeless, and funds to Northern Lights for the development of the youth ministry to the community.

We also gave a larger amount of funds to First Fairbanks UMC to be used in the exploration of the possibility of a second campus or development of a new church in the Fairbanks area.

We helped fund Linda Baggett attending a workshop on Building Disciples. Her learning and information is condensed to one page and can be used by other folks as requested.

It is strongly urged that each local congregation develop a Disaster Response Plan ahead of any such disaster occurring, in order to facilitate a smooth response and recovery process. Richard Whetsell and I both have several samples of Plans from other conferences; just email us, or try this one: www.HurricaneBusinessSafety.com, a good resource from Florida. Also, pastors and others may be interested in the following book as a resource: *Disaster Spiritual Care*, Edited by Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts, and Rev. Willard W.C. Ashley, Sr., available at \$40.00 from www.skylightpaths.com.

N. University Community Ministry, Anchorage – Doug Lindsay

It is my goal to develop and maintain relationships with students at both APU and University of Alaska Anchorage that transcend denominational labels. This is in keeping with the mission statement of the Campus Ministry Committee that advocates the position of Campus Chaplain as demonstrating the presence of Christ in these educational settings. My first task as Chaplain was to send an e-mail through the Dean of Students introducing myself and attaching a list of the various worship communities in the APU area.

A weekly Tuesday evening chapel service began on September 12, with worship themes indirectly inspired by Stephen Colbert's "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central. Every broadcast, Mr. Colbert has a daily "Word," on which he expounds. Each chapel service has a weekly "Word" (Doubt, Mistake, Laugh, Thanks, etc.) which focuses the participation of each attendee and lends itself to participation. These services are informal, friendly, and welcoming – with refreshments served.

I have also participated in a number of APU community events: Fall Convocation, the Annual Honors Banquet, and the Denali Society Luncheon. However, the two most important events were a Memorial Service for faculty member Kelly Holmquist and Fall Commencement. Mr. Holmquist's service was a true celebration of his life, and involved students, faculty, and staff from the entire APU community. However, the most inspiring event was Commencement on December 16. Since the classes were much smaller than Spring Commencement, each student had the opportunity to speak as a "valedictorian." However, what was amazing was the number of students who expressed their deep gratitude to the faculty and staff of APU. There were numerous comments of: "no one else would take a chance on me"; "everyone was so supportive of my goals"; "at another university I was just a number, but here I was part of a family." This speaks to the unique nature of Alaska Pacific University: the expressed mission to integrate Wesley's "knowledge and vital piety" into the educational experience.

O. United Campus Ministry – David Moore

Tuesday evening Vespers has continued to be our main gathering time and our time to worship together. We tried to add a lot of new music this year in hopes of keeping our worship experience new and fresh. During the spring semester we read through the gospels and had several guest speakers.

During the first semester in Bible Study we did a study on leadership from the book of Nehemiah. Charlie and Rachel Armstrong, former UCMers, graciously agreed to lead Bible Study and they led us in an inductive study of the book of Matthew.

Our Leadership group read through and discussed Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life" last fall. It has been a strong, small group that has been a tremendous joy to work with. With many of the students being new to Leadership, and some new to UCM, we focused on growing together as a group.

We had a great time on both our fall and spring retreats. In the fall we had a wonderful time at the Knox Retreat Center and in the spring we stayed in town, worked at the food bank and focused on the theme was "Don't Worry Be Happy." We talked about having a cheerful heart, a thankful heart, and that it is good for us to get up off our mats and to be helpful to others.

Throughout the year we sponsored many fellowship events – attending musicals, ice skating, playing at a kids' playground, viewing ice art, dying Easter eggs. We worked with Love in the Name of Christ at their Christmas bazaar, sang Christmas carols at the Pioneer Home and sponsored a family at Christmas through BB/BS. At Easter time we gathered to watch the "Passion of Christ."

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

P. Alaska Christian Conference – Phyllis Sullivan

The Alaska Christian Conference, organized in 1972 by the judicatory heads of seven denominations at work in Alaska, has served in many ways over the years. They held a Biannual Conference every two years until 2005 when some problems arose that caused a lapse. The ACC has now been revitalized, in 2007, and is active again.

A luncheon was held for several of the current leaders of the church groups at First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage, prepared and served by Church Women United. Recently a Last Breakfast was celebrated in remembrance of Christ's meeting and serving the disciples on the lake shore after His resurrection.

Rev. Jim Stephens, Disciples of Christ, is president, Fr. David Blanchett, Episcopal Church, is vice-president, Phyllis Sullivan, United Methodist Church, is secretary, and Rev. David Fison, member-at large, United Methodist Church, is delegate to RurAL CAP.

Q. Nome Community Center – Lance Johnson

In the early 1900's the United Methodist Women began mission work among the Eskimo villages of the Bering Strait region. By 1970 that work developed into the Nome Community Center (NCC), Inc., a non-profit funded primarily through federal and state grants. The Center, however, remains a covenant partner and a mission institute of the General Board of Global Ministries. Its ongoing mission is to provide services to enhance the quality of life to elders, families and youth of the Bering Strait Region.

The Community Center has a strong tradition of youth- and adult-supportive programs. Our Life Skills and Mentoring Program provides youth with the opportunity to skill-build for the future through the use of our MacLab. The Nome Youth Court is an alternative to the official judicial system with youth sentencing peers to effective community service. The NCC trains youth to engage in advocacy combating the prevalent problem of underage alcohol consumption in the region. In line with making healthy choices, the Community Center is on the forefront of promoting a smoking ordinance in the city that would make businesses – including restaurants and bars – smoke-free.

The Senior Meals Program in Nome provides congregate and home-delivered meals, while the Adult Day Services program provides daily care for frail elders. The Food Bank continues to assist families in need.

Our Family Preservation program ministers to families in danger of having children removed from the home by the state or those that have already lost them. We work towards the

restoration of the family allowing them to build a strong, wholesome and safe home for their children.

R. General Boards

General Board of Discipleship – J. Rose McLean

I have completed a quadrennium of service as a Director for this GBOD. This Board continues to serve the denomination in the areas of Christian Education, Worship, Evangelism, and Stewardship. I have served on the Curriculum Resources Committee in the children's section and have approved resources for the denomination. The Legislation and Evaluation committee has written legislation to be considered at General Conference.

General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (GCCUIC)

Lonnie Brooks and Georgina Dapceвич

GCCUIC is currently being led by retired Bishop Albert F. (Fritz) Mutti who is serving as Interim General Secretary, having been elected in December, 2007, to replace Dr. Larry D. Pickens who had served as General Secretary since taking the office in 2004 immediately following General Conference. This is a significant time of adjustment for the Commission as it prepares for General Conference 2008 with a leadership team that includes no executive staff members who were with the Commission for the last General Conference.

Despite that challenge, the Commission, in cooperation with the Council of Bishops, is sending to General Conference a proposal for entering into full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If General Conference approves that proposal, it will be the first full communion relationship for The UMC in the United States with a church outside the Wesleyan family.

The Commission is also proposing that The UMC create a standing Committee on faith and Order to provide an ongoing forum for the churchwide discussion of theological issues. The Committee would be provided with staff and logistical support by the existing staff of GCCUIC, and the only additional expense would be for meetings and communications.

Episcopacy Committee – Rose McLean

The Episcopacy Committee met with Bishop Ed Paup in September to hear some concerns and to support him in his ministry. We welcomed him to be in residency in our conference from October – December. Bishop Paup consulted with me throughout the process of the decision to resign and accept a new position within the denomination. We wish him well in his new role as General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries.

S. Western Jurisdiction (WJ) Committees

WJ Committee on Finance & Administration – Judy Shoup

The first full board meeting for the Quadrennial was held February 4 -5, 2008 in Sacramento, California. Alaska and Desert Southwest, so far this quadrennial are the only conferences that have paid their apportionments at 100%. The 2012 Jurisdictional Conference will be in Los Angeles. We met to formulate the quadrennial budget for 2009-12 for presentation at the Jurisdictional Conference in Portland, Oregon July 16-19, 2008.

Budget requests initially came to a total increase of 38%. The program portion of the budget was given to the Leadership Team to decide how they could best reduce their requests to only a 10% increase, which they did. The program portion helps to support minority, educational and volunteer groups of the jurisdiction. We reduced the Administrative portion of the budget to a little under a 10% increase. We nominated Diane Knudsen, Cal-Nev conference treasurer to be the Western Jurisdiction treasurer for the next quadrennial. We also approved that the Jurisdictional apportionments be distributed on a 22,24,26,28% per year bases. The quadrennial budget, treasurer, apportionment distribution plus other financial recommendations will be presented to the Jurisdictional Conference delegates for approval.

The Leadership Team passed a motion to change the Council on Finance and Administration into a committee of the Leadership Team. Hopefully this will help in the accountability issues of the administrative and program budgets.

WJ Committee on Appeals – Rose McLean

I met in Denver with representatives from each conference in the Western Jurisdiction to hear an appeal from an elder from the Rocky Mountain Conference who had lost his orders. The committee upheld the findings from the previous committee.

WJ Committee on the Episcopacy – Rose McLean

Rachel Lieder Simeon and myself attended this committee meeting in Sacramento in February. We heard reports from each conference regarding the ministry of their resident Bishops. We heard from each Bishop regarding their hopes for the next quadrennium. We will meet in Portland at Jurisdictional Conference to facilitate the election of bishops in July.

VI. MEMORIAL ROLL**Local Church Members and Constituents**

Aldersgate, Juneau	Amy Martin
Anchor Park	John E (Andy) Anderson Darrell Nelson Vaiese Soliai
Douglas	Terry Abad Marie Devon Ryan Honsinger Claudia Juanita Dona Kelsey
First – Anchorage	Sue Holcomb Cole Glen Fredericks Catherine Jenne Michael Mitchell
First – Ketchikan	Charles Cloudy Wesley Gale Davidson Wilma Ione Tibbles
Homer	Elizabeth April Winnie Hatfield
Seward	Emily Endresen
St. John	Lorraine Caulfield Lou Clark Kit Alison Gurule David Lott
St. Peter the Fisherman, Ninilchik	Mona Jeanne Anderson
Chugiak	Natalie Brooks Dottie Fetrow Les Fetrow Elfie Towne
Kenai	Chester Cone Lois Fowler

VII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SESSIONS

[See 1966 JOURNAL, p. 83, for 1-25 Sessions of Alaska Mission]

[See 1971 JOURNAL, p. 110, for 26-30 Sessions of Alaska Mission]

[See 1980 JOURNAL, p. 117, for 1-9 Sessions of the Alaska Missionary Conference]

[See 1985 JOURNAL, p. 102, for 10-14 Sessions of the Alaska Missionary Conference]

[See 2003 JOURNAL, p. 60, for 15-30 Sessions of the Alaska Missionary Conference]

			Presiding		
No.	Year	Place	Bishop	Superintendent	Secretary
31	2002	First, Anchorage	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
32	2003	UMC of Chugiak	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
33	2004	UMC of Chugiak	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
34	2005	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
35	2006	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
36	2007	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
37	2008	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Lindsay-Hudgins

VIII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MINISTERS

[See 1966 JOURNAL for 1886-1966 Records]

[See 1971 JOURNAL for 1962-1970 Records]

[See 1980 JOURNAL for 1971-1980 Records]

[See 1985 JOURNAL for 1981-1985 Records]

[See 1991 JOURNAL for 1986-1991 Records]

[See 1994 JOURNAL for 1992-1994 Records]

[See 1997 JOURNAL for 1995-1997 Records]

[See 1999 JOURNAL for 1998-1999 Records]

[See 2002 JOURNAL for 2000-2001 Records]

[See 2004 JOURNAL for 2002-2004 Records]

Name	First Year of Appointment	Appointment
Allen T. Baggett	2005	Sitka
Linda Baggett	2005	Sitka
Dale Kelley	2005	Unalaska
Woo Shoung Park	2005	Anchorage Korean
Imelda Ramos	2005	Douglas Community
Thomas Telfer	2005	First, Fairbanks
Karen Martin Tichenor	2005	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Richard Whetsell	2005	Soldotna
Bonnie Campbell	2006	East Anchorage
John Campbell	2006	East Anchorage
Susan Knight	2006	Community, Nome
Jo Ann Schaadt	2006	St. John
Richard Smith (I)	2006	Seward Memorial/Moose Pass
Jon Disburg	2007	Anchor Park, East Anchorage
Leila Disburg	2007	Anchor Park, East Anchorage
Peter Perry	2007	Seward, Moose Pass
Donald Strait (I)	2007	Homer

Milo Thornberry	2007	Chugiak
Della Waghiyi	2007	AMC Elder in Residence
Daniel Wilcox	2007	Unalaska
David Elmore	2008	Community, Nome
Julie Yoder Elmore	2008	Community, Nome
Evelyn Erbele	2008	Ketchikan
Terence Erbele	2008	Ketchikan
Robert Hicks	2008	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Tori Hicks	2008	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Charles Martindell	2008	Homer
Carlo Rapanut	2008	Chugiak
Judy Shook (I)	2008	Aldersgate, Juneau
Martha Slater	2008	New Covenant, Kenai
Karen Martin Tichenor	2008	North Pole
Dennis Holway	2008	Superintendent

IX. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

A. Record of Ordained Ministers

*** Retired Elder

sa Special appointment from an Annual Conference to an institution in the A

BAGGETT, ALLEN T. Oklahoma
Oklahoma: D 1992; E 1996. EDUCATION: BS:Ed Central State University 1973; M-Div. Perkins School Of Theology, 1994. APPOINTMENTS: Thackerville, & Gainesville, TX 1990; First, Broken Arrow (Associate), 1995; Catoosa, 1997; Claremore 2003; Alaska Missionary Conference: Sitka, 2005. SPOUSE: Linda, CHILDREN: Travis, Colby, and Summer.

BAGGETT, LINDA Oklahoma
Oklahoma: AM, 1999. EDUCATION: Oklahoma State Univ., COSS, Perkins School of Theology 1999; Advanced COSS, Perkins. APPOINTMENTS: Callisburg (N.TX), Rose Hill (Tulsa), Nowata, Alaska Missionary Conference: Sitka, 2005. SPOUSE: Trent. CHILDREN: Travis, Colby, Summer.

BECKETT, DAVID.....West Ohio
West Ohio: D 1981; E 1984. EDUCATION: Georgia State University, 1975; United Theological Seminary, 1982. APPOINTMENTS: Allentown and Hume, 1982; Allentown, 1985; Trinity (Associate), 1987; Alaska Missionary Conference: Soldotna, 1991; St. John, 1999. SPOUSE: Kim, CHILDREN: Jennifer, Ryan, Lauren, and Jeremy.

CAMPBELL, JAMES A.....Iowa
Rocky Mountain: PM 1972; E 1972; Iowa: FC 1974; E 1974; EDUCATION: University of Southern Colorado, BA, 1969; University of Illinois, MA, 1971; University of Dubuque, M Div, 1973; S.T.M., 1977; D Min, 1981. APPOINTMENTS: Baldwin-Monmouth, 1972; Nishna Valley Parish, 1975; Storm Lake, (Associate), 1977; Dunlap-Dow City, 1980; Davenport, Christ Church, 1986; Alaska Missionary Conference: Parks Highway Parish and AMC Council Director, 1990; Willow, 1994; Director, Humanitarian Aid to the Russian Far East, 2000; Turnagain, 2003. SPOUSE: Margaret Leona; CHILDREN: James, Earl, Erin.

DISBURG, JON.....Iowa
Iowa: D 1986; E 1990. EDUCATION: Iowa State University, 1977; Boston University School of Theology, 1987. APPOINTMENTS: To School, 1986; Southern New England Conference: Wareham, Wesley, 1987; Iowa Annual Conference: Grimes, 1988; Bloomfield, 1991; Bloomfield-West Grove-Drakesville Team Ministry, 1993; Des Moines, First, Associate, 1997; West Des Moines, Valley, 1998; West Des Moines, Valley, Co-Pastor, 2000; Leave of Absence, 1 July 2006-28 February 2007; Newton, St. Luke, Interim Pastor, 1 March 2007-30 June 2007; Alaska Missionary Conference: Anchor Park & East Anchorage, 2007. SPOUSE: Leila; CHILDREN: Meghan, Ashley.

DISBURG, LEILA.....Iowa
Iowa: D 1992; E 1996. EDUCATION: Iowa State University 1978; Saint Paul School of Theology 1993. APPOINTMENTS: Bloomfield Associate 1991; Bloomfield-West Grove-Drakesville Team Ministry 1993; Granger 1997; West Des Moines, Valley Co-pastor 2000; Voluntary Leave of Absence 2006; Alaska Missionary Conference; Anchor Park & East Anchorage 2007. SPOUSE: Jon. CHILDREN: Meghan and Ashley.

DOEPKEN, JAMES MCINTYRE North Indiana
North Indiana: Preparatory Member/Deacon 1993; Elder 1996; EDUCATION: Wabash College, BA, 1991; Duke University, The Divinity School, M Div, 1994; APPOINTMENTS: North Indiana: School, 1993; Frankfort, Trinity, 1994; Alaska Missionary Conference: Kenai, New Covenant, 1997; Girdwood, Girdwood Chapel, 2000. SPOUSE: Julie Christine. CHILDREN: Samuel James, Moriah Grace, Suzannah McIntyre.

ELDRED, STEPHEN D. Nebraska
Nebraska, E. EDUCATION: U. of Nebraska, BA, 1966; Officer Candidate School, US Coast Guard, 1967; United Seminary, M. Div., 1976. APPOINTMENTS: Nebraska, Big Springs, 1977; Omaha Pearl-Asbury, 1980; Omaha Renaitre, 1981; Pearl Memorial, 1983; Pearl Memorial-Asbury, 1985; Plattsmouth, 1994; Alaska Missionary Conference, Willow, 2001. SPOUSE: Barbarjean CHILDREN: Mark, Laura

ELMORE, DAVID G. Pacific Northwest
KANSAS EAST: SLP 2005. EDUCATION: Texas A&M University, 1991; Saint Paul School of Theology, 2008. APPOINTMENTS: Pleasanton & Prescott, 2005; Alaska Conference, Nome Community, 2008. SPOUSE: Julia Yoder Elmore

ELMORE, JULIA YODER Pacific Northwest
EDUCATION: Western Michigan University, 2000; Saint Paul School of Theology, 2008. APPOINTMENTS: US-2 in Nome Alaska, 2001; Missouri Conference: Youth Director, Grandview 2006; Alaska Conference, Nome Community, 2008. SPOUSE: David G. Elmore.

ERBELE, EVELYN GRACE.....Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho: PMD 2003; D 2005, E 2007. EDUCATION: Vermont College, 1973; Evangel College 1975; College of Idaho 1987; Wesley Seminary 2005. APPOINTMENTS: Nigeria 1989; Eurasia 1996-2006; Lithuania 1999-2007; Latvia 2000-2007; GBGM 2007; Alaska Conference: First Ketchikan, 2008. SPOUSE: W. Terence Erbele.

ERBELE, W. TERENCE.....Oregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho: D 1980; E 1982. EDUCATION: Portland State University, 1975; Asbury Theological Seminary 1980. APPOINTMENTS: Newberg 1980; Kuna 1982; Hermiston 1987; Nigeria 1989; Eurasia 1996-2006; Lithuania 1999-2007; Latvia 2000-2007; GBGM 2007; Alaska Conference: First Ketchikan, 2008. SPOUSE: Evelyn G. Erbele

HICKS, ROBERT C.....Pacific Northwest
 Pacific Northwest: D 1988; E 1990. EDUCATION: Seattle Pacific University, 1980; Fuller, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference: Rochester-Oakville, 1988; Disability, 2/1/91; Spokane: Centenary, 1993; Sandpoint ID, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, 1998; Family Leave, 12/1/99; Sandpoint ID, Associate PT, 9/1/00; Sandpoint ID, Interim, 2001; Family Leave, 2002; The Common Ministry, WSU, Pullman WA, Campus Pastor, 2003; The Wesley Foundation, WSU, Pullman WA, Campus Minister & Director of The Wesley Foundation, 2006; Alaska Conference: Palmer Fellowship, 2008. SPOUSE: Tori Hicks.

HICKS, TORI.....Pacific Northwest
 Pacific Northwest: D 1997; E 1999. EDUCATION: University of Maryland, Asian Division, 1987; Iliff School of Theology, 1997. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference: Sandpoint ID, 1997; Sandpoint ID, Associate PT, 2001; Sandpoint ID, 2002; Colfax, 2004; Alaska Conference: Christ First, Wasilla, 2008. SPOUSE: Robert C. Hicks

LINDSAY-HUDGINS, DEBRA.....Pacific Northwest
 Delaware-Peninsula: D 1983; E 1986. EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1980; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983; CPE, Delaware State Hospital, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: Delaware State Hospital, Assistant Chaplain, 1983; Peninsula-McCabe, 1984; Ellendale, 1988; Georgetown, 1991; St. Mark's, 1998; Alaska Missionary Conference, First, Anchorage, 2000. SPOUSE: Douglas Lindsay.

MARTINDELL, CHARLES A. West Ohio
 West Ohio: D 1984; E 1987. EDUCATION: Trenton (N.J.) State College, 1980; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: West Ohio Conference: Mendon Charge, 1980; Tunnel-Warren Chapel, 1986; Lima Trinity (Associate), 1991; Marion Prospect Street, 1994; Marietta Christ, 2001; Alaska Conference: Homer, 2008. SPOUSE: Karen Martindell.

PARK, WOO SHOUNG California-Pacific
 (P.97; F.) EDUCATION: Mokwon University, Daejon, Korea; Mokwon Theological Seminary, Daejon, Korea. APPOINTMENTS: Korean Mission Conference, Cal-Pac, 1997, Walnut Korean Mission; 1997 (Nov 9) West Covina: Korean; 1999 (Mar) Monrovia: Korean; 2004 South Pasadena: Pacific Korean. 2005, Alaska Missionary: Anchorage Korean. SPOUSE: Sarah. CHILDREN: Julie Park and Daniel Park.

PERRY, PETER K. Desert Southwest
 D 1984: Pacific Southwest; E 1987 Desert Southwest. EDUCATION: California State Univ Fullerton, 1982; Pacific School of Religion, 1985. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Southwest 1984, to school; Desert Southwest 1985 Mesa, AZ: Velda Rose UMC (associate); 1988, Sedona, AZ: UMC of Sedona; 1994 Prescott, AZ: Prescott UMC; 2001, Phoenix, AZ: FUMC; Alaska Missionary Conference, Seward/Moose Pass UMCs, 2007. SPOUSE: Karen. CHILDREN: David, Elizabeth

RAMOS, IMELDA.....East Mindanao, Philippine Annual Conference,
 Davao Episcopal Area, Philippines
 D 1991; E1995. EDUCATION: University of Mindanao, 1988; Union Theological Seminary, M.Div., 1991; University of San Carlos, 1996; Candidate, MA Psychology; Human Resource Management Course, Christian Institute of Management 1998. APPOINTMENTS: Green Academy Methodist Church, 1991; Visayas State College of Agriculture Methodist Community Church, 1994; Calvary Bible School, 1997; Evangelical Theological College of the Philippines, 1999; Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation, Inc. (formerly Methodist Social Center), 2005; Alaska Missionary Conference: Douglas Community UMC, 2005.

RAPANUT, CARLO AXIBAL.....Northwest Philippines
 Northwest Philippines: PE 2002; E 2006. EDUCATION: B.S. Mathematics, University of the Philippines, 1994; Master of Management major in Business Management, University of the Philippines, 2000; Master of Divinity, magna cum laude, Wesley Divinity School, 2003. APPOINTMENTS: Philex Mines, 1998; Baguio City First, 2000; Assistant to the Bishop, Baguio Episcopal Area, 2006; Alaska Missionary Conference, Chugiak, 2008. SPOUSE: Zoraida Sanchez Rapanut.

SCHAADT, JO ANN Pacific Northwest
 West Ohio: D 1998; Pacific Northwest: D 2000. Education: Bowling Green State University, 1987; Kent State University 1989; United Theological Seminary, 1998. APPOINTMENTS: West Ohio: Xenia Faith Community 1995; Chattanooga, 1996; Pacific Northwest - Seattle: Green Lake, 1998; Mercer Island, 2003; Alaska Missionary Conference: St. John, 2006. SPOUSE: Michael, CHILD: Sara.

SHOCK, LAUREN KAY Oklahoma
 Oklahoma, DM, 1990; D, 1994; E, 1999. EDUCATION: Southern Nazarene University, BA, 1984; Oklahoma City University, MAR, 1989; Phillips Theological Seminary, M Div, 1996. APPOINTMENTS: Oklahoma, DM, FUMC, Duncan, 1990; Grace, Tulsa, 1994. As clergy, Wellston, 1996; McAlester-Savanna Charge, 1998. Alaska Missionary Conference: Jewel Lake Parish, 2001. SPOUSE: James. CHILDREN: Joel Thomas Carpenter

SHOOK, JUDY.....California-Nevada
 Southwest Texas: D 1987; E 1991. EDUCATION: Oklahoma State University, 1984; Perkins School of Theology 1989; CPE, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, TX, 1988; Institute of Culture and Creation Spirituality, 1994; Interim Ministry Network, 2007. APPOINTMENTS: SWTX: FUMC, Associate, Del Rio, TX, 1987; FUMC, Associate, New Braunfels, TX, 1989-91; Pettus-Pawnee, TX, 1991-94; California-Nevada: Point Arena, CA, 1995-99; Aptos, CA, 1999-December, 2000, Sonoma, CA, December 2000 - 2002; Extension Ministry, Spiritual Companionship, Captain Cook, HI, 2002 - 2008; Alaska Conference, Juneau, Aldersgate, 2008.

SKIBA, LAURA PULEO.....Western Pennsylvania
 Western Pennsylvania: Certified, 1993; Probationary member, 1998; Commissioned, 1998; Full Member, 2001; Elder, 2001. EDUCATION: B.A. Asbury College, 1991; M.Div. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1998. APPOINTMENTS: Strattanville/Asbury/Corsica 1998-2004. Alaska Missionary Conference: North Star, 2004. SPOUSE: Kevin. CHILDREN: Justin, Maggie, Tyler, Sawyer, Kathryn & Nicholas

SLATER, MARTHA (MARTI).....Western North Carolina Conference
 D 1992; E 1995. EDUCATION: Tift College, 1980; The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1988. CPE: Humana Hospital University (Now University of Louisville Hospital), 1985 (1 unit); Carolinas Medical Center, 1988-1989 (3 units). APPOINTMENTS: Western North Carolina Conference: Centennial-Mt. Hebron-Pisgah Charge, Forest City, NC 1991; Barnardsville Charge, 1994; South Macon Cooperative Parish, 1995; Chaplain, Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community, 1997; Chaplain, Presbyterian Homecare-Hospice, 2002, Pastor, Lawndale-Double Shoals UMCharge, 2004; Alaska Conference, UM Church of the New Covenant, Kenai, 2008.

TELFER, THOMAS.....Pacific Northwest
 PNW: D 1986; E 1988. EDUCATION: Seattle Pacific University, 1981; Claremont School of Theology, 1986. APPOINTMENTS: Reardan, WA, 1985; Spokane (Valley, Associate), 11/1/1987; Orchards, 4/1/1991; Alaska Missionary Conference: Anchor Park, 1995; Oregon-

Idaho: Madras, 1999; Alaska Missionary Conference: Fairbanks First, 2005. SPOUSE: Jan, CHILDREN: Luke, Rebekah, and Zachary

TICHENOR, KAREN MARTIN.....Pacific Northwest
D 1984; E 1987. EDUCATION: University of Washington, 1982; Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1985. APPOINTMENTS: Trinity 1985; School 1989; Langley (Associate), 1989; St. Paul, 1990; Puget Counseling Center (Pastoral Therapist), 1991; Paul, 1995; Moran, 1996; Manito, 2001; Alaska Missionary Conference, Christ First, 2005. SPOUSE: Dennis.

WHETSELL, RICHARD.....Oklahoma
Oklahoma: D 1988; E 1992 EDUCATION: Oklahoma State University, 1969; Phillips Theological Seminary, 1990. APPOINTMENTS: Oklahoma: Ringwood and Ames, 1985; First UMC Enid, Associate 1990; Hillcrest (OKC), 1993; St. Matthew (Midwest City), 1998; Alaska Missionary Conference: Soldotna, 2005. SPOUSE: Karolann, CHILDREN: Don, Nancy

WILCOX, DANIEL.....Central PA
Central PA: Commissioned Probationer 2000, E 2003. EDUCATION: Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, 1997; Asbury Theological Seminary, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Emmanuel, Windsor, 2000; Alaska Missionary Conference: Unalaska, 2007. SPOUSE: Kris-Ann; CHILDREN: Esther, Jaden, Lydia.

B. Record of Ordained Ministers under Special Appointment

WAGHIYI, DELLA Alaska Missionary
Alaska: E 2007. APPOINTMENTS: Elder in Residence, Alaska, 2007.

C. Record of Local Pastors

GREER, EDITH
Local Pastor, 2000. EDUCATION: University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1986, BA in Accounting; Claremont School of Theology, Course of Study, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference: Aldersgate, 1993; First Fairbanks, 2001.
CHILDREN: Debbie Blemke, David Greer, Mark Greer.

MAGA, SAILITAI
Local Pastor, 2000. EDUCATION: Leeward Community College, AA; Claremont School of Theology, Course of Study, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference: Samoan Fellowship, 1994; First Samoan UMC of Anchorage, 2004. SPOUSE: Finau.

WASSER, JULIE ANN
Local Pastor, 1985. EDUCATION: Hillsboro College, AA; Candler School of Theology, Course of Study, 1990. APPOINTMENTS: Missouri: Greenville/Paterson, 1985. Alabama/West Florida: Repton, 1987; St. Stephens, 1989. Alaska Missionary Conference: Trapper Creek, 2000; St. Peter the Fisherman, 2003. SPOUSE: Robert
CHILDREN: Keith Sheffer, Ronald Sheffer, Peter Sheffer

D. Record of Diaconal Ministers

MCLEAN, JIMETTE ROSE
Certified Director of Christian Education, 1969; Diaconal Minister, 1987; EDUCATION: McMurry College, B.A., 1966; Duke Divinity School, M.R.E., 1968; EMPLOYMENT: Hammond, Indiana, Woodmar United Methodist, 1968; Ann Arbor, Michigan, First United Methodist, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference: Anchorage, St. John, 1987.

X. CHURCH SUMMARIES OF THE CHURCHES OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

Aldersgate – Juneau

Aldersgate UMC continues to gather up low income children in the Mendenhall Valley and take them to the Glacier Valley School breakfast program. Our Vacation Bible School that we jointly sponsor with Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran (ELCA) and St. Brendan's Episcopal again had children for whom the most common religious preference was "none." Each week we receive food for a joint food distribution center and the children bring the food to the altar as a part of our weekly offering. We have an agreement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to provide "Bigs" for children of incarcerated parents.

A most exciting event was the installation of an Assistive Listening System in our worship space so that hearing impaired persons can turn their hearing aids to the "T" setting or wear special headsets that make hearing astoundingly clear. The exceptional quality of our music program continues to astound and uplift

Our "Cinderellas" continue to help those moving out of Juneau by giving their houses a final cleaning.

Anchor Park – Anchorage

2007 was a year in which the Anchor Park faith family said good-bye to the Revs. John and Bonnie Campbell (who were appointed to Lithuania) and hello to the Revs. Jon and Leila Disburg (from the Iowa Annual Conference). 2007 also marked the first full calendar year in which Anchor Park UMC and East Anchorage UMC shared pastoral staff and some program ministry.

Anchor Park continued its mission activities at Bean's Café and sent another medical mission team to Nicaragua. Blessed with a spacious building, Anchor Park also hosted a VIM team, a Habitat for Humanity Global Village Team, and the National Tongan Kokasi. Anchor Park UMC also hosts an AA group, the Anchorage Autism Support Group, and a Boy Scout troop.

Several Anchor Park youth attended the Youth '07 event by raising funds through a talent show and yard sale. The children of Anchor Park UMC enjoyed a shared VBS with 1st UMC as well as Sunday School and quarterly children celebrations (which were also shared with the children of East Anchorage UMC). Anchor Park UMC celebrated a successful Holiday Auction and Luncheon fundraiser for missions. The UMW unit also celebrates that several of its members hold UMW leadership positions in the Conference as well as Jurisdiction. Worship was enhanced by the music of the Adult Chancel Choir, the Adult Bell Choir, the Children's Handbells and several soloists and ensembles.

Anchor Park also celebrated a 'crowning touch' to its facility with the installation of a steeple in November. The steeple is dedicated to the memory of the Rev. David Blackburn, founding pastor of Anchor Park United Methodist Church. A dedication ceremony will be held in 2008.

As Anchor Park UMC looks forward, it seeks to:

- Reach out in new and creative ways to the community;
- Further establish vital, multi-sensory worship;
- Develop and equip leaders through mutual study of resources such as Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations and others;
- Continue the church's primary mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

We look forward with anticipation to see how God will call us into faithful service in 2008 that we might continue to be a "community of faith who shares a fellowship of love based on the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives" (from the Anchor Park UMC mission statement).

Christ First – Wasilla

Ministry through Christ First Wasilla ... has been amazing. We have been told that the corner of Knik-Goose Bay and Fairview Loop where we call home is the fastest growing corner of the Mat-Su Valley, possibly the whole state. Since taking the trees out at that corner and placing a lovely sign there declaring who and where we are many people are seeing us for the first time. To our delight, young families are discovering us as well thus the Sunday School is growing with little ones. The limits of our building are continually upon us which has brought us round to begin a renovation of our facility. The first phase is nearly complete with the removal and moving of the pastor's office to expand the sanctuary and a walling-in of the church office space as well as an actual indoor storage space, something that has been sorely needed. We have plans to further enlarge the sanctuary, build out back of the building into the trees a new and larger fellowship hall and redo the current space for more class rooms and bathrooms.

We have added a second Bible study on Thursday evenings, our Bell Choir has enchanted the congregation many times as does our choir each Sunday. Our Confirmation class has successfully concluded its work this Spring. The UMW continues to grow and expand their understanding and presence in ministry through developing fellowship Circles, an annual Spring Tea that literally transforms the inner space of the church with Spring elegance and stretching concepts of outreach. Our finance committee has worked hard to develop wonderful fellowship and fund raising events with great success. We now have three scout troops sponsored by the church which is also exciting.

Mission is a powerful strength in this community. We are a part of Valley Christian Conference, active in supporting the local food pantry, Valley Residential Services, the Treasure Loft through use, finances and volunteering. We too offer holiday food baskets to many needing families through our local elementary schools and rise to the opportunity of supporting our denominational outreaches through special offerings throughout the year. We are also a host church for Family Promise, a ministry to homeless families.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the ministry in the Mat-Su Valley. Our hope is for good things to continue to come into being as we dance with our Lord and learn Christ's ways for the world.

Chugiak

Chugiak UMC has received its 4 pastors in 12 months, due to varying events that include active military service and illnesses. The church awaits the arrival of Carlo Rapanut from Baguio City, the Philippines, who will arrive in July.

Needless to say, this does create a sense of turmoil within a congregation. However, the Chugiak church has responded quite well, and forged on with innovative worship services, continued local missions programs, an early winter program-planning retreat, a youth mission to Mexico in June of '08, a junior high confirmation class, Lenten studies, and continued programs that include the Anchorage Volleyball Association's use of the gym/family life center.

Douglas Community – Douglas

Amidst the avalanche of snow falling from the sky, we welcomed the year 2007 with high hopes. The United Methodist Women Douglas Unit participated in the Great Plunge in the

Lake to raise funds for missions and received a citation being Awarded the 5 Star Channel of Giving to Mission with women and children around the world in 2007.

The United Methodist Men collected aluminum cans for recycling to raise funds for the construction of the Eagle River Camp Chapel; provided hospitality at the Christmas Tree Lighting by serving refreshments to the Douglas community around two hundred (200) people in attendance; and provided manual help/labor for seniors who need immediate assistance in the community.

The Discipleship Class met with Bea Shepard and studied a New Testament curriculum; Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held this year with the Theme: *Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights With God*; Laura Bruce taught Sunday School for adults; Claudette Curtis and Imelda Ramos taught Sunday School classes for younger and older kids; and Discovery Camp was held at Eagle River Methodist Camp. Working on the Theme: *Can You Hear Me Now?* eighteen (18) young people gathered in December along with seven counselors at the Douglas Church. The Southeast Regional Program Council helped sponsor this program. Every 5th Sunday of the Month we provide worship and music at the local nursing home in Juneau.

Douglas is active in the Filipino community – Filipino-American Outreach honoring the Senior Citizens, Thanksgiving Service, Christmas Program Invocation, Memorial Services and Visitations. We offer a number of community groups gathering space - Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Senior Luncheon Program, Perseverance Theater, Al-Anon, OE Anonymous, Murphmusak Music School.

East Anchorage

2007 was a year in which the East Anchorage faith family said good-bye to the Revs. John and Bonnie Campbell (who were appointed to Lithuania) and hello to the Revs. Jon and Leila Disburg (from the Iowa Annual Conference). 2007 also marked the first full calendar year in which Anchor Park UMC and East Anchorage UMC shared pastoral staff and some program ministry.

The East Anchorage UMC building continued to house the offices of the Alaska Conference as well as the worship and program site for the Church of the Redeemed CME congregation. The building was also used by the larger community as a voting site, a testing site for the Charter schools system and meeting place for Conference events.

Vacation Bible School highlighted a busy summer. The VBS incorporated several children from the surrounding neighborhood as well as some from the Samoan UMC. The VBS culminated with singing/dancing by Samoan youth, a VBS program and a visit from the local fire station.

The Adult Sunday School class continues to progress through the Old Testament under the leadership of Lonnie Brooks who also organizes the Annual Lay School of Theology as well as having responsibilities on the Conference, Jurisdictional and General Church levels.

East Anchorage UMW had an active year capped with a successful holiday auction for missions. The East Anchorage UMW unit was again recognized for excellence in mission support.

Children and adults from East Anchorage celebrated some of the shared ministries available through the partnership with Anchor Park UMC. Children from East Anchorage attended several of the children's events at Anchor Park, while adults from Anchor Park attended the Advent Soup Suppers and shared Holy Thursday services at East Anchorage UMC. Both

churches look forward to the further development of shared ministry and programs between the two churches.

As East Anchorage UMC looks forward, it seeks to:

- Reach out to the families in its immediate neighborhood;
- Offer parenting classes and other small group experiences for families;
- Establish multi-media capabilities;
- Develop and equip leaders through mutual study of resources such as *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* and others;
- Continue the church's primary mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ by carrying the light of Christ into the world.

First – Anchorage

During 2007, First UMC continued to provide two excellent worship services each Sunday, and a variety of programs geared to children, youth, and adults. Programs for children and youth included: weekly Sunday School for all ages; Wee Kids' and Kids' Celebrations, extended learning programs for children ages 3 through 10, held during the 11:00 a.m. worship service; scholarships to Birchwood Camp for families with financial needs; Vacation Bible School, offered jointly with Anchor Park UMC; children's Craft Day; weekly Music Time as part of children's Sunday School; a Confirmation Class with nine participants; Youth Fellowship, which provided educational, recreational, and service-oriented opportunities for young people in grades 7 through 12, and a monthly "breakfast out" for the Junior and Senior High Sunday School Classes.

Programs for adults included: an Adult Sunday School class taught by Dr. David Otto; "Meet and Eat" groups, which gathered a variety of family groupings together for food and recreation; Wednesday's Word, a weekly Bible study and worship service, provided an alternative mid-week worship experience during the summer months; the Peanut Farmers men's fellowship; the Book Club; and United Methodist Women, who offer a wide variety of fellowship experiences through their circles, General Meetings, and fund raisers.

Opportunities for outreach included: preparing and delivering one complete meal each month to the Clare House shelter for women and children; preparing and delivering 30 dozen sandwiches to the Brother Francis Shelter each month; providing occasional food and support to the Henry House transitional housing facility for men; and "donating" Pastor Debra to serve as itinerant pastor at the Community UMC of Nome during the month of October.

In 2007, we welcomed Doug Lindsay as our new Music Director; bid farewell to Deb Weesner, who had served as our Director of Programming for three years; paid our Apportionments in full; and had a riotous time at our All-Church Conference entitled "Deal or No Deal." All in all, it was a good year.

First – Fairbanks

Godly Play, a successful educational program Fairbanks First, has been providing for our children for a number of years now. One of the highlights of this year is the way that this ministry is expanding. The storytelling component has made its way to the Pioneer Home and the residents there have been blessed. Clarice Moore and Wendy Anderson have been sharing Godly Play with other churches first in the Fairbanks area and then to other United Methodist Churches in Alaska at the Professional Workers Retreat.

We added a part-time staff position for small groups and outreach to increase our invitation and assimilation and we have been very pleased with Laurie Hynson's leadership. It is a little early

to evaluate the full impact of her ministry, but there are early signs of fruitfulness. We hope that next year's report will include more signs of fruitfulness.

Another new venture for us this year was the addition of a monthly hope and healing worship service being led by the Lay Speaker's of this congregation. It has been gratifying to witness the power of prayer working with people being released from various ailments and oppressions. It is also a joy to recognize the growth in confidence for the Lay Speakers who are offering the prayers and leading the service.

For the second year we have offered barbeques at the pastor's home on Sunday evenings during the summer and we averaged 30+ people on the five Sundays of July in 2007. One of the real blessings is that more than local people have been attending. Summer visitors from all over the lower 48 have felt free to attend and found the fellowship to be a home away from home. For a church with multiple worship services it has been one of the better ways for people to become acquainted with people from other worship times.

Girdwood Chapel – Girdwood

In 2007 Girdwood Chapel had its third summer of construction for its new facility. At this point, the building is enclosed and much of the interior electrical work is completed. In 2008 we plan on getting sewer and water to the building and will be working on our full electric hook-up. The installation of siding will improve the exterior. This has been a long project for a little church and has been made possible by generous gifts from members, friends, and supporting churches. While we had hoped to be in the building by fall of 2008, financial realities will be likely be pushing that back. Therefore, we continue meeting in our 31' x 31' building with a port-a-potty out front.

Ministry is continuing in our small space. Worship attendance remains mostly steady. Sunday School takes place in three different locations after our second worship service. And, youth group still meets on Sunday afternoons, with as few as two to as many as twenty-two youth attending from the congregation and the community. In summer 2008 we plan on sending a group of youth to a mission event in Alabama. Also, there is a women's Wednesday Night Bible Study, nurtured by laypersons in the congregation. We find that this study is reaching out beyond the walls of the church and including others in our sphere of ministry. We're hoping a men's group might meet a similar spiritual need.

New this year, Girdwood Chapel is a pick-up location for organic food delivery in the community. In addition, our plans of having a community garden appear to be shaping up nicely for this summer. These two programs, along with our food pantry, are examples of how our church cares for the whole of the community around us.

Over the last five years, our congregation has, for good and bad, been shaped by our building process. Much of our time, our talents, and resources have been directed to this process. We long for the day that we can move into our new sanctuary and have the space to grow along with the surrounding Girdwood Community. However, we have peace that God will complete it in God's own time and our ministry and outreach will expand into our new ministry setting.

Homer

The year 2007 in the Homer United Methodist Church may best be summarized with these three words: transition, construction, and stabilization.

Clergy transitions brought about the myriad of feelings common to these events. Reverend Don (and Nancy) Strait from Pagosa, CO served as interim pastor from July through September. While here, Don's expertise in construction served the church well in furthering the building process and procuring funding for needed summer supplies and labor.

Reverend Richard (and Jane) Gilbert from Cheyenne, WY arrived for the first Sunday in October and will remain through May 2008. Hope takes time; trust builds through time. Transitions are traumatic at best and it takes time for confidence to be restored and the congregation to be reunited.

The church is in the midst of a building project to include a new "commercial" kitchen, an enlarged sanctuary, and the addition of a glass solarium. Since cost quickly exceeded estimates, finances have become a major concern. Interim ministry has provided some relief and with the budget now being met and a Miracle Sunday planned for early 2008 hopefully two outstanding loans will be paid. Volunteer In Mission teams have done outstanding work on the construction and teams scheduled for 2008 should bring the construction near 85% of completion.

Congregational life has been stabilized and a sense of strength and support is being shared within the church and community. Worship averages around 75 with about 12 children participating within the worship and then education. A culminating event for 2007 was 13 youth participating in the Christmas Eve Candle-lighting worship. Not only was the birth of Jesus celebrated, but the youth brought signs of new birth to a church emerging from the pangs of transition and construction. The year 2007 concluded with a sense of affirmation and a renewed sense of anticipation.

Jewel Lake – Anchorage

Jewel Lake Parish rejoices in being one of the union churches in our conference, a union of the UMC and Presbyterian Church (USA). We are proud to be able to support both United Methodist and Presbyterian missions, and are engaged in various other local mission outreaches including housing a food pantry for our community, supporting a crisis benevolent fund, and partnering with our neighborhood school and with the Presbyterian Church at Gambell.

We have funded several P.E.T.s, including two this past year in honor of our "senior" member's 100th birthday. Also, we host many community groups in our facility, including scouts, campfire, AA and others. We also house the toddler program of the Children's World Montessori School. Our prayer ministry is a vital part of what we do -- with prayer requests coming to us as far away as Guatemala!

We continue to seek to be "A Welcoming Family of God, Reaching Out to Celebrate, Love and Serve as we Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

Moose Pass

Sharing ministry with the Seward congregation, the members of Moose Pass UMC welcomed new pastor Peter K. Perry. Perry in July 2007. Our small church has struggled this year to resolve a long-standing property dispute with a neighbor. Progress was made and a new fence has been built to clearly mark our boundaries; however, encroachment is still occurring and we go into the new year still dealing with this problem.

The congregation has experienced an increase in weekly worship attendance and is thrilled that a third of the attendance is children and youth! Karen Kromrey and Chuck Young provide music most Sundays. Thursday nights are devoted to church life, with one Thursday set aside for children's ministries, one for youth, and one for a family-centered movie night. Folks come in pajamas, with blanket and pillow in hand, watch the monthly movie and discuss the theological values we find in it. Our youth program is regularly drawing 15 or more young people ages 10-18. Weekly worship is supplemented by occasional potluck and praise services.

The Christmas Eve service again this year was enlivened by the gift of music from a dozen piano students who come to the church once a week for a piano lesson. A couple of times a year, the church hosts a "piano party" recital for all of the music students. Funding for a new and improved septic system was the focus of Outside fundraising efforts this winter.

New Covenant – Kenai

For the United Methodist Church of the New Covenant 2007 was a busy year. After seven years of ministry Pastor Jon Walters left the church in June. A reception was held in his honor on June 3rd and Lay Speakers filled the pulpit for the remainder of the month, which gave many persons the opportunity to lead in worship.

During the last week of June the members of the church provided a Vacation Bible School for the children of Kenai. This was the first time the church members had done their own VBS in about twenty years and the first VBS at the church for several years. Twenty three adults taught classes, provided refreshments, organized games and created crafts activities for twenty two children. A wonderful and exciting week was had by all and we experienced a great sense of accomplishment. The following week all of the staff were treated to an appreciation luncheon.

Bishop Ed Paup appointed Rev. Lucy Barton to a one year interim pastorate beginning on July 1st. A welcoming reception was held that day to welcome Lucy into her new role as pastor. On the first Sunday in November a new Sunday School was launched. The church has not had a Sunday School for children for several years and the adult class took a hiatus when Pastor Walters left. Though our children's class has been small we have a cadre of teachers who are prepared to teach each Sunday. The adult class has been well attended and has undertaken several short term studies.

The Heifer Project was chosen for a special Lenten offering and persons were invited to contribute their change during the Lenten season. The selection of which animals to buy was determined by the children who chose two flocks of chickens, two flocks of ducks and geese and two hives of bees but no rabbits because the children couldn't accept that rabbits would be on the dinner table.

The Lenten season also had us busy caroling for church and community members and enjoying a women's luncheon to which gifts were brought for the women's shelter. Additionally the children brought an offering to buy gifts for the children at the Shelter.

We also began some long overdue maintenance on the church building with many members helping to remove old flooring and painting the fellowship hall and the upstairs hallway and remodeling the church office.

There is still much work to be done but we are on a roll with many activities and plans for the years ahead.

New Hope – North Pole

New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church continues its mission of "Tending the garden to share spiritual fruit with the world." We continue to be in transition: currently being served by interim pastor Lois Hildenbrand, CLP and eagerly awaiting the appointment and arrival of Rev. Karen Martin Tichenor.

The LOGOS mid-week youth program has been well attended by 1st through 6th graders and served faithfully by many folks from the congregation. The Disciple IV Bible Study has been a wonderful challenge and learning opportunity. We have seen a nice

increase in giving to our local food pantry, Jubilee Center, and our ministry of school supplies for those that cannot afford them to three local elementary schools. The Lord has blessed New Hope well this year. In turn, New Hope shares those blessings within and outside the congregation.

North Star – Nikiski

This past year, Disciple 1, 2, and 3 were all taught with 22 participants among the three classes from three different churches. A workshop on "Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic," which is a leadership workshop by Pastor Adam Hamilton, was conducted for the leadership of the church. The youth number 18-20 this year with two youth Sunday School classes running The Amazing Bible Race. A youth praise band was also begun this year and they lead in worship at least once a month.

Our church participated in the Breakfast Program at Nikiski North Star Elementary School (3 mornings per week) for the 9th straight year. In January of 2008, the school district took over this program. Outreach through the food pantry at the church happens every Thursday from 9 am to noon with volunteers leading this program which includes shopping for the food as well as organizing and distributing the food boxes. These programs feed many needy people in the Nikiski area. The Noel Tree program as well as the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes are events that are particularly important to the people of North Star. These events are organized by our church but involve many other groups, companies, and individuals in the community.

A dream of having a Soup Kitchen housed at North Star United Methodist Church is becoming more of a reality. A grant was received to purchase appliances that are more appropriate for the needs and the kitchen will need to be expanded, reorganized, and approved by the DEC. Progress is being made on all these fronts.

We are excited about the opportunities for growth in many areas over the next year and beyond. It is great to see God work through people as they grow spiritually, biblically, and practically in ministry to the broader community.

Northern Light – Juneau

As a united church we enjoy connections with two denominations active in Alaska. Last year, we received two grants from the Alaska Missionary Conference's Committee on New Ministries. The first initiative was led by K.J. Metcalf, the Conference's Lay Person of the Year in 2007. K.J., in partnership with community and religious leaders organized a conference to promote awareness of the struggles facing individuals, families, and communities from the myriad of effects of drinking alcohol during pregnancy, known as FASD, or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. The conference, held at Juneau's Centennial Hall, hosted over 300 participants, and its organizers continue to seek help for all who suffer from this far-reaching, yet entirely preventable condition.

A second grant is helping NLUC to initiate a full-time position directing the Spiritual Formation of Youth. Our diversity encourages us to seek every opportunity to express unity in mission, and ministry to youth is one of our strongest unifying missions. Our diversity and downtown location gives us a unique role in Juneau, and we pray that our ministry to the spiritual formation of youth will greatly encourage youth to pursue God's future with hope.

NLUC is also part of the Presbytery of Alaska, and we provide our Presbytery leadership in various ways. In 2007, NLUC's current Council Moderator Gail O'Dell was elected to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, where she serves with vitality and grace. Also in 2007, Eve Reckley concluded her term as Commissioner to the Synod of Alaska-Northwest, a position she held while also moderating NLUC's Council. Pastor Jesse Perry served as Chair of

the Presbytery's Personnel Committee, as a member of its Trustees, and was also appointed by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to moderate the Session of the Presbyterian Church in Hoonah. These privileges of service have opened many windows of opportunity for us to minister in the village settings of southeast Alaska.

Palmer Fellowship – Palmer

Ministry through Palmer Fellowship ... has been a blessed challenge. We made the move last year to share space with St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church to help us rebuild our funding for our own place. St. Bart's has a nice building at the north end of town in a residential area. We did not realize in that move that the community as a whole would lose sight of us – literally.

This year we have made a few efforts to get our presence back out in front of the community and to encourage people to go enjoy their weekend then prepare for the week by worshipping with us. We held a block party complete with food, our band and fun to reach the local community around us. We put out a new location ad in the local paper to help identify us to the greater community and we gave out personal invitations to people we encountered through our day to encourage people to come and worship with us.

The community that is faithfully coming has continued to be generous in their financial support and faithful in their mission support. Besides the usual denominational offerings, we also give out holiday food baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, support the Valley food pantry and do special projects as the need arises. Our band leader continues to inspire the band to new learning and possibilities. In fact, one of our members in the band has felt a call upon her this year to go into music ministry and is looking for the right place and funding to make that education happen. We have held seasonal Bible studies and have a monthly second Sunday potluck to help encourage the fellowship of our church.

It is an exciting and challenging time and thus a blessed one in Palmer by the grace of God.

St. John – Anchorage

At St. John we are celebrating the continued health and wholeness that has deepened this past year. Our church is giving record amounts and doing hands-on mission such as PET, Nothing But Nets, Cameroon, Africa, Food Bank, Clare House, Bean's Café, FISH, and prison ministries. Children and youth ministry continue to grow and new programs spring up all the time. Sometimes all it takes is a sermon on inviting others and we received 20 new families on Andrew Sunday. Rose preached on earth stewardship and now we have a task force looking at conducting an energy audit at our facility.

This doesn't mean we are a church that has it all together. Pastor Jo Ann leads our many care and prayer ministries with two new groups dealing with chronic pain. We are wounded people on a journey towards healing in the name of Jesus Christ. Mostly we seek to be in life as it really is, with ourselves as we really are, with God as God really is.

St. Peter the Fisherman – Ninilchik

This is a church any pastor would be blessed by. It is a committed, nurturing, and prayerful, giving church. St. Peter is nestled in the middle of a historic Russian Community that dates back before statehood. The Church is approximately 57 years old. It's a quiet little place in the winter, but, the summer is hopping. We are a fishing mecca.

This steadily growing church has added new members and gives over ten percent of its income to missions, beyond paying its full apportionments. We have members who are active participants in Walk to Emmaus and Kairos. We have started a Sunday School class; will

remodel the building to be handicap accessible; include a new upstairs bathroom; and an upstairs fellowship area.

The Russian Orthodox Church could not bring in a new priest unless his family had a place to live. In cooperation with their church, we provided our parsonage for the priest and his family.

St. Peter is very active ecumenically in the community. Our Bible Study includes Catholic, Lutheran, and many of other faith traditions. We also host a community wide Christmas Play; and Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Services.

Seward Memorial – Seward

2007 began a year of change and growth for Seward Memorial UMC. Following a wonderful year of interim ministry from Dick Smith, the congregation welcomed Rev. Peter K. Perry as their new pastor. The congregation has seen the establishment of some new ministries in the year since, including the start of a new vocal adult choir that sings monthly in worship and has given leadership to a community church choir that has sung for special occasions. The new choir is under the leadership of Sue McClure who arrived in town about the same time as our new pastor. Sue adds her musical talents to our already musical volunteer leadership as we proclaim the good news with our ongoing hand bell ministry and our youth praise band ministry.

Early in the year, we celebrated “Anne Hatch Sunday,” a day of thanksgiving for this beloved member of the church who has provided music for the congregation for over fifty years. The Seward congregation was pleased to host the annual Professional Church Workers retreat in February. We continue to be involved in the community through the sponsorship of the Seeds of Faith Preschool and leadership to the annual CROP walk, raising funds for hunger relief. We also were pleased to be one of the sites at which Jim and Jean Strathdee sang this past year. Also new this year has been a monthly “God in the Movies” discussion evening in the homes of members. We reviewed such movies as Cars, Second Hand Lion, and Places in the Heart. Our worship team has been experimenting with new ways to decorate the sanctuary as we move through the liturgical seasons. Pastor Perry traveled Outside in the winter months, establishing new partnership relationships with churches in California and Arizona.

Sitka

The United Methodist Church of Sitka has been an active and growing congregation during 2007-2008. In addition to regular worship service, we have offered a number of worship opportunities for spiritual growth, including Taize’ services. With a focus on ministry to children and youth, the congregation has hosted a number of activities for young disciples to teach about the seasons of the Christian Year, and Sunday school involves them in experiencing the scriptures through a rotational model. Disciples of all ages participate in the seasonal workshops provided as well as special events, such as Silent Night, the annual community nativity display; the annual UMW Women’s luncheon open to all women in Sitka, Financial Peace University and other studies; the Holy Week luncheons and services, to name a few.

The church has continued the ministry established as a mission focus for VBS 2008, a shoebox ministry to benefit the Salvation Army in helping the homeless and persons who find themselves in emergency situations. It has supplied food to the domestic violence shelter, a shelter for youth, the Salvation Army pantry, and a mental health agency. The chancel choir and bell choir perform at special functions in the community and joined together in creating a community choir for the Easter Sunrise Service hosted by the Ministerial Association.

Members look forward to more mission projects, greater outreach, and even more meaningful programs and services in the coming year.

Soldotna

Soldotna United Methodist Church had a good year in 2007. We received over \$12,000.00 from Oklahoma churches to assist our local stewardship efforts. Our regular Wednesday night dinners at the church were expanded to include two picnics on the beach at Dick and Molly Musgrove's and one included the VIM team from St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Bethany, Oklahoma. They extended the roof on the back of the church and eliminated our last leaking roof. We are now leak free for the first time in many years.

We also fix breakfast for the Kenai Alternative High School twice a week. A new after school program for children, "Live Big," was started in the fall. The grief support group, "Life, Love, and Loss," continued to meet twice monthly.

Many of us helped with the second Kairos weekend at Wildwood Correctional Complex, and Rev. Whetsell continues to teach a weekly class called "The Joy of Self Discovery." The United Methodist Women have been very active with their annual garage sale, a hilarious fun time at the "Mad Hatter High Tea," and a very successful "Ten Thousand Villages" sale, which sent over \$13,000.00 to craftspeople and artisans around the world. We also shared services on Ash Wednesday with the Kenai and Nikiski churches, and our Maundy Thursday service was held at Christ Lutheran this year.

Turnagain – Anchorage

Ten Ministries that helped defined Turnagain Church for 2007:

1. "Giving Voice". Sixteen Native Alaskan Elders from around Alaska gathered at Turnagain for three days of prayer, reflection and service. This was the fifth such gathering of Native elders and it is hoped the Conference will adopt this ministry as a statewide mission in 2008.

2. Towel and Basin Award. This is the third award of its kind honoring people who have exemplified mission service around the world. Jolie Glaser of Moose Pass received the award for her work in Africa in arranging and delivering Personal Energy Transportation vehicles for persons missing legs primarily from land mines.

3. Fellowship of Preaching Award. This second fellowship that included a weeks retreat in Alaska was given to Andrew Oliver of the Pacific Northwest Conference.

4. Morningside College. Twenty college students from Morningside college used Turnagain Church as its base for a ten day four credit hour, "Immersion in Alaska" class in May.

5. Klava Makarova. In 2006 Turnagain Church helped Klava receive medical attention, surgery, and valuable medication before returning to her mission work in Russia. This year more valuable medication was obtained by Turnagain Church for Klava to continue her therapy.

6. Thanksgiving Offering. Over \$2,000.00 was raised as alternative giving to Christmas under the leadership of Rev. Dennis Holway to buy nets for African families plagued with malaria and provide livestock to peoples in third world nations to help them become self sufficient.

7. Dennis Holway Pastor Emeritus. Rev. Dennis Holway was recognized with the designation of "Pastor Emeritus" for his thirteen years of service to Turnagain.

8. Health Fair. Dennis and Susie Holway helped lead several Turnagain Church people in helping sponsor and carry out the neighborhood health fair. The Turnagain health fair from the year before literally helped diagnosis an eye illness of a boy, the treatment of which saved his eye sight.

9. Helping Barrow and Nome. Turnagain Church shared its pastor with Barrow for ten days in January to February and for the month of September at Nome.

10. Ordination of Della Waghiyi. Turnagain Church celebrated in June the ordination of its Native Elder Della Waghiyi at the Alaska Conference meeting in May. For this occasion the Turnagain Church produced and distributed among Alaskan Churches the hour long DVD "The Life of Della Waghiyi." The video was made by Latonya Odden.

Willow

The folks at Willow UMC celebrated their 25th anniversary as a congregation with a special worship service and dinner in September, 2007. Originally, the Willow Church was part of a Parks Highway Ministry which also included Wasilla and Trapper Creek. Rev. Jack Christenson was the first pastor, and we had a nice correspondence with his widow, Eva, who fondly remembered those days in Willow. Many stories were told of events over the past 25 years, and the scrapbooks and photo albums were perused lovingly. Willow has done a good job preserving its history.

Also in 2007, Willow started a building campaign for a new parsonage. The former parsonage had been purchased by GBGM from Rev. Jack Christianson on his departure from Alaska. The GBGM recently deeded it over to the Willow Church. Since it did not meet conference minimum standards for a parsonage, it was sold, and the proceeds will be used as seed money for the building fund to build a new house for future pastors and families. Land has been purchased, plans drawn, Disciplinary procedures followed, VIM teams invited, funds solicited for building in summer 2008. Feel free to contribute as generously as you possibly can.

Our strong outreach to the community continues. We helped over 60 families at Christmas, and converted the original church building to an official branch of the Alaska Food Bank. We have many active volunteers in all areas of ministry.

XI. RULE CHANGES

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XII. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA

A. Statistical Tables

ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 2007
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IDENTITY		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																															
CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Total professing Members at Close of last year												Total Full Members at Close of year												Total baptized members who have not become professing members							
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1 Homer	Gilbert, Richard	148	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	84	66	84	4	0	89	0							
2 Kenai	Barton, Lucy	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	85	1	0	0	0	0	86	0	52	33	43	3	0	38	0							
3 Moose Pass	Perry, Peter	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	16	13	20	0	0	12	0							
4 Nikiski	Shiba, Laura	71	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	45	33	48	0	0	5	4							
5 Ninilchik	Wassner, Julie	53	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	0	5	50	0	30	26	30	1	13	2	0							
6 Seward	Perry, Peter	63	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	66	2	0	0	3	0	61	0	39	27	55	1	0	34	0							
7 Sodwana	Whitell, Richard	126	4	0	7	0	8	4	2	0	4	121	1	2	2	1	5	105	5	77	44	72	2	38	87	0							
8 First Fairbanks	Teller, Tom	559	8	0	5	0	93	0	2	0	2	475	4	12	3	4	0	452	0	276	199	243	2	50	132	0							
9 Nome	Elmore, Julie & David	36	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	7	0	18	0	12	0	26	11	15	1	0	27	0							
10 North Pole*	Open	62	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	2	0	0	0	0	64	2	41	27	50	3	0	0	0							
11 Wasilla	Tichenor, Karen	192	3	3	13	0	0	0	1	21	0	187	1	1	3	1	0	179	2	107	80	64	3	0	77	0							
12 Willow	Eldred, Stephen	49	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	34	19	49	5	5	7	0							
13 Anchor Park	Dinsburg, Jon & Leila	205	11	0	7	0	2	1	2	0	2	216	5	4	4	0	59	144	0	117	99	185	10	49	87	4							
14 East Anchorage	Dinsburg, Jon & Leila	118	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	110	1	0	1	1	1	106	0	67	43	50	0	0	0	0							
15 First Anchorage	Lindsay-Hudgins, Debra	339	12	0	5	3	23	1	2	0	2	331	12	8	3	21	57	230	0	192	139	164	9	87	102	8							
16 First Samman	Maga, Sallia	80	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	45	36	90	2	0	70	5							
17 Jewel Lake*	Shock, Kay	67	0	1	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	57	2	3	0	1	0	51	0	35	22	67	4	10	15	0							
18 Kreen	Park, Woo Shoung	38	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	5	0	36	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	12	51	1	0	3							
19 Saint John	Beckel, Dave	743	42	10	14	8	54	0	3	10	1	749	2	0	1	5	1	738	2	438	311	479	31	179	568	20							
20 Turnagain	Campbell, James	114	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	113	2	0	1	1	4	103	2	67	46	61	1	0	91	0							
21 Ugapak	Hinshaw, Daniel	265	6	2	5	0	8	26	2	0	0	239	0	0	0	0	0	239	0	155	84	157	3	3	281	3							
22 Girdwood	Doepken, Jim	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	30	24	75	2	44	29	5							
23 Unalaksa	Wilcox, Daniel	25	0	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	1	1	36	0	23	15	30	0	25	24	0							
24 Douglas	Ramos, Imelda	102	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	112	0	2	0	4	4	20	86	0	71	41	36	8	8	68							
25 Adiragait	Wardens, Dan	116	2	0	3	2	17	5	3	0	1	97	4	0	0	4	2	87	0	59	38	55	1	16	37	0							
26 Northern Light*	Perry, Jesse	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	129	3	0	0	16	0	65	45	40	89	48	1	1	18	0							
27 Keetchikan	Ashworth, Tony	84	0	0	0	0	20	4	2	0	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	37	20	48	1	31	0	0							
28 Sitka	Baggett, Allen	100	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	104	8	0	0	10	7	71	8	70	34	46	1	8	0	0							
2007 TOTAL		4,070	121	58	67	19	263	51	45	22	26	3,928	88	39	18	101	239	3,377	66	2,287	1,631	2,415	98	567	1,918	57							
2006 TOTAL		4,000	159	28	73	31	135	33	28	9	16	4,070	103	34	22	124	228	3,546	13	2,388	1,682	2,568	98	568	1,717	72							
INCREASE/DECREASE		70	(38)	30	(6)	(12)	128	18	17	13	10	(142)	(15)	5	(4)	(23)	11	(169)	53	(91)	(51)	(153)	0	(1)	201	(15)							

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IDENTITY		CHURCH SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES																			
CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES																			
		Number of Leaders in Sunday church school groups	Number of leaders in all other groups	Children (0-6th grade) in Sunday church school groups	Children (0-6th) in all other groups	Youth (7th - 12th grade) in all Sunday church school groups	Youth (7th grade-12th) in all other groups	Adults (post high school) in Sunday church school Groups	Adults (post high school) in all other groups	Total Christian formation participants in church school groups	Total in all other groups	Total Christian formation participants	Average Attendance in Sunday Church School	Average Attendance in other ongoing classes and groups	Average Attendance in other short-term classes and groups	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for children	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for Youth	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for Adults	Number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school for Christian formation participants (line 19) who became professing members this year		
1 Homer	Gilbert, Richard	15a	15b	16a	16b	17a	17b	18a	18b	19.1	19.2	19	20	21	22	23a	23b	23c	23	24	
2 Kenai	Barton, Lucy	8	8	11	0	0	0	18	0	37	21	58	23	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	
3 Moose Pass	Perry, Peter	9	22	5	23	0	0	18	0	32	45	77	11	0	15	1	1	0	1	0	
4 Nikilshi	Strba, Laura	0	6	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	36	36	0	0	9	0	1	1	1	3	
5 Ninilchik	Wassner, Julie	7	1	11	5	18	22	25	15	61	43	104	24	14	15	0	0	3	3	4	
6 Seward	Perry, Peter	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	18	0	18	12	10	0	0	0	6	6	5	
7 Soldotna	Whitsett, Richard	6	4	17	0	6	12	16	0	41	28	69	28	25	14	0	0	2	2	6	
8 First Fairbanks	Teller, Tom	2	5	15	0	0	0	6	25	23	30	53	8	10	0	1	0	2	3	0	
9 Nome	Emore, Julie & David	30	4	70	20	20	40	30	100	150	164	314	100	91	20	6	2	10	18	0	
10 North Pole*	Open	0	4	4	4	4	4	0	0	12	0	20	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	
11 Wasilla	Tichenor, Karen	5	1	10	4	4	1	15	30	34	36	70	15	10	0	0	1	10	11	0	
12 Willow	Edred, Stephen	5	14	17	0	3	0	18	36	43	50	93	36	15	31	0	0	1	0	11	
13 Anchorage	Disburg, Jon & Leila	3	3	5	0	2	6	6	8	16	17	33	10	8	6	0	1	1	2	12	
14 East Anchorage	Disburg, Jon & Leila	48	29	52	30	12	15	28	100	140	174	314	45	50	40	1	2	9	12	18	
15 First Anchorage	Lindsay-Hudgins, Debra	5	2	9	26	10	0	15	32	29	37	66	27	12	20	0	0	2	2	0	
16 First Seward	Maga, Samiela	21	0	73	0	15	9	33	19	134	63	197	46	34	16	2	1	4	7	8	
17 Jewel Lake*	Shock, Kay	5	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	
18 Korean	Park, Woo Shoung	5	4	8	0	1	3	19	12	29	19	46	25	12	45	0	0	3	3	0	
19 Saint John	Beckel, Dave	5	0	5	0	12	0	35	57	25	35	57	25	44	6	0	0	0	0	16	
20 Turnagain	Campbell, James	100	63	369	130	240	116	22	592	731	901	1,632	225	50	0	4	3	14	21	47	
21 Chuquak	Hinsaw, Darrel	22	12	99	18	23	43	35	61	179	134	313	103	83	25	0	2	5	3	21	
22 Girdwood	Doepken, Jim	7	5	24	4	24	5	12	12	67	26	93	22	12	6	0	0	1	3	0	
23 Unalaska	Wilcox, Daniel	0	2	62	0	0	0	8	0	70	2	72	34	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	
24 Douglas	Ramos, Ineida	4	2	9	0	3	0	9	18	25	20	45	16	7	11	0	0	2	2	1	
25 Adakgate	Wanders, Dan	6	2	18	0	9	0	10	12	43	14	57	16	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	
26 Northern Light*	Perry, Jesse	3	0	6	2	4	0	10	0	23	0	23	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	
27 Keatchikan	Ashtworth, Tony	8	12	14	2	6	0	5	27	74	47	74	14	22	0	0	0	3	3	0	
28 Sitka	Baggett, Allen	6	12	12	117	6	6	14	83	38	218	256	24	20	50	5	6	7	18	6	
2007 TOTAL		330	229	975	398	418	307	432	1,296	2,155	2,230	4,385	964	538	751	22	26	88	136	89	
2006 TOTAL		458	170	875	553	456	282	599	822	2,373	1,827	4,200	992	590	742	23	26	69	118	96	
INCREASE/(DECREASE)		(128)	59	100	(155)	(38)	25	(157)	474	(218)	403	185	(28)	(52)	9	(1)	0	19	18	(7)	

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IDENTITY		UMVIM		UMM		UMW		UMYF		WEEKDAY EVENTS		PROPERTY				
CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Number of UMVIM teams sent from this church	Number of church members participating in any UMVIM	Membership in United Methodist Men	Amount Paid for Projects	Membership in United Methodist Women	Amount Paid for Local Church & Community Work	Membership in UM Youth Fellowship	Amount Paid for Projects	Number of Weekday Ministry Programs	Number of Weekday Ministry Persons Served	Value of Church Land, Buildings, and Equipment	Value of Church Personage and Furniture	Value of Other Assets	Indebtedness on Items in 32, 33, & 34 on 31Dec04	Other Indebtedness
		25a	25b	26	27	28	29	30	31	32a	32b	33	34	35	36	37
1 Homer	Gilbert, Richard	0	0	5	0	16	575	13	0	0	0	600,000	175,000	0	252,000	0
2 Kenai	Barton, Lucy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	150,000	15,000	0	0
3 Moose Pass	Perry, Peter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	8,600	3,200	0
4 Nikiski	Skiba, Laura	0	0	0	0	12	0	16	280	0	0	961,700	173,000	3,000	0	0
5 Ninilchik	Wasser, Julie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	282,000	141,000	24,400	0	4,505
6 Seward	Perry, Peter	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	750,000	250,000	45,000	0	0
7 Soldotna	Whetsell, Richard	0	4	11	0	19	1,222	0	0	5	103	1,160,000	366,000	55,000	0	0
8 First Fairbanks	Telfer, Tom	0	0	0	0	15	0	35	7,500	0	0	3,000,000	0	124,000	0	0
9 Nome	Elmore, Julie & Dav	0	0	0	0	10	3,000	0	0	2	25	2,804,125	2,180	0	0	0
10 North Pole*	Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	750,000	0	44,128	100,310	0
11 Wasilla	Tichenor, Karen	0	0	0	0	20	939	0	0	0	0	810,560	573,500	68,252	0	0
12 Willow	Eldred, Stephen	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	3	20	500,000	0	18,000	0	0
13 Anchor Park	Disburg, Jon & Leila	0	0	0	0	22	5,075	15	0	0	0	4,100,000	365,000	98,568	0	0
14 East Anchorage	Disburg, Jon & Leila	0	0	0	0	8	557	0	0	0	0	920,000	200,000	0	0	0
15 First Anchorage	Lindsay-Hudgins, D	0	0	0	0	49	6,500	0	0	0	0	5,500,000	0	148,690	0	0
16 First Sarnoon	Maga, Sailitai	0	0	11	0	38	0	25	0	0	0	500,000	1,000	0	485,000	0
17 Jewel Lake*	Shock, Kay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	15	500,000	10,450	87,200	0	0
18 Korean	Park, Woo Shoung	0	0	7	1,000	19	3,300	12	2,000	0	0	500,000	30,000	50,000	0	0
19 Saint John	Becket, Dave	0	0	25	3,144	65	2,525	240	15,389	0	0	3,953,474	170,429	202,557	1,599,596	144,203
20 Turnagain	Campbell, James	0	0	0	0	7	2,050	5	0	0	0	1,559,235	8,500	210,943	0	0
21 Chugiak	Hinshaw, Darrel	1	23	22	0	4	0	66	0	6	50	3,188,661	260,045	61,080	1,016,317	0
22 Girdwood	Doepken, Jim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1,300,000	5,000	82,080	564,222	0
23 Unalaska	Wilcox, Daniel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	55,000	22,000	9,613	0	0
24 Douglas	Ramos, Imelda	0	1	8	0	8	5,402	0	0	7	400	908,000	366,300	279,600	5,500	0
25 Aldersgate	Wanders, Dan	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	68	1,700,000	405,000	8,000	219,600	0
26 Northern Light*	Perry, Jesse	1	27	6	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	2,530,100	276,300	1,144,922	350,718	0
27 Ketchikan	Ashworth, Tony	0	0	6	375	10	2,844	0	0	0	0	900,000	350,000	0	159,000	0
28 Sitka	Baggett, Allen	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	1,372,900	312,000	6,500	6,000	0
	2007 TOTAL	2	59	101	4,519	377	33,989	437	25,169	40	771	42,105,755	4,612,704	2,795,133	4,761,463	148,708
	2006 TOTAL	4	61	112	1,400	441	29,212	464	28,244	46	1,347	39,956,022	4,965,614	2,997,384	4,799,939	139,060
	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(2)	(2)	(11)	3,119	(64)	4,777	(27)	(3,075)	(6)	(576)	2,149,733	(352,910)	(202,251)	(38,476)	9,648

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IDENTITY	NUMBER	BENEVOLENCES										CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION			CONNECTIONAL CLERGY SUPPORT						
		World Service and Conference Benevolence Apportionment	World Service and Conference Benevolence Paid	Other General Conference Apportionments	Other General Conference Paid	General Advance Specials and World Service Gifts	Youth Service Fund	General Church Offerings	AMC Special Sunday Offerings	AMC Advance Specials	Higher Education	Health & Welfare Agencies	Other AMC Benevolences	Local Church Benevolences	Connectional Administration Apportionment	Connectional Administration Paid	Additional Clergy Pension Paid (Not Used in AMC after 1996)	Pension and Benefit Apportionment and Billing	Pension and Benefits Paid	Ministerial Support Apportionment & Move & Transfer Billing	Ministerial Support & Move & Transfer Paid
CHURCH		(37-38)a	(37-38)b	(38-41)a	(39-41)b	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	53a	53b	57	59a	59b	62a	62b
1 Honor	90534-3	5,920	5,920	688	688	1,438	0	1,613	0	0	0	0	500	233	6,733	6,733	0	9,201	9,920	5,920	5,292
2 Koni	90542-3	4,299	4,340	500	500	0	0	785	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,890	4,936	0	9,401	9,813	3,843	2,722
3 Moose Pass	90546-7	603	603	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	374	686	686	0	0	0	539	539
4 Nushik	90537-6	3,516	3,516	409	409	200	0	64	0	892	0	0	200	0	3,998	3,998	0	17,356	21,332	3,143	3,143
5 Nushik	90543-4	1,783	1,783	207	207	892	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,028	2,028	0	455	366	1,594	1,594
6 Seward	90540-7	3,729	3,729	434	434	831	0	231	0	0	0	2,555	2,140	0	4,240	4,240	0	9,346	9,346	3,333	3,333
7 Sodwana	90545-6	5,481	5,481	638	638	2,078	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	930	6,233	6,233	0	18,945	18,945	4,899	4,899
8 First Pentecosts	90530-8	19,439	19,439	2,261	2,261	8,002	0	2,289	0	0	0	0	16,447	16,447	22,109	22,109	0	19,989	19,989	17,317	17,317
9 Nome	90532-7	2,041	492	238	53	0	0	594	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,321	514	0	11,306	3,906	1,623	4,044
10 North Pole	90531-0	3,374	3,374	392	392	558	0	797	0	0	0	0	0	1,389	3,826	3,826	0	16,230	17,622	3,016	3,016
11 Wadala	90520-6	3,476	3,476	869	869	558	0	1,034	0	400	0	2,167	335	25,348	4,303	4,303	0	19,014	19,014	3,302	3,302
12 Wadala	90551-4	3,891	3,891	429	429	558	0	797	0	0	0	0	0	1,389	3,826	3,826	0	16,230	17,622	3,016	3,016
13 Anchor Park	90514-8	11,961	1,931	1,597	1,597	1,307	0	1,507	0	0	0	0	0	7,527	5,496	5,496	0	22,621	22,620	4,320	4,320
14 East Anchorage	90544-5	4,833	4,833	562	562	1,597	0	1,807	0	435	0	0	0	5,484	16,277	16,277	0	20,616	20,616	12,793	12,793
15 First Anchorage	90510-4	14,312	14,312	1,664	1,664	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,562	0	0	0	450	0	1,228	0
16 First Samson	90554-4	1,374	0	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,442	3,892	3,892	0	18,207	18,207	3,059	3,059
17 Jewel Lake	90511-5	3,422	3,422	399	399	555	0	1,283	0	720	0	0	0	0	3,349	1,626	0	2,634	1,279	1,279	1,279
18 Koonen	90509-2	2,946	1,430	342	166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,445	6,964	0	49,936	49,936	24,056	24,056
19 Saint John	90512-6	26,910	26,910	3,123	3,123	26,215	0	299	0	1,879	0	0	0	44,690	30,611	30,611	0	19,341	21,320	5,475	5,475
20 Timmings	90517-2	6,123	6,123	712	712	1,467	0	767	0	0	0	0	0	8,145	9,584	9,584	0	19,341	21,320	5,475	5,475
21 Chugach	90518-3	5,303	5,303	1,082	1,082	2,087	0	948	0	1,476	0	3,000	0	6,533	10,579	10,579	0	19,358	19,358	6,316	6,316
22 Greenwood	90547-8	2,383	2,383	275	275	1,194	0	291	0	0	0	0	0	1,264	2,687	2,687	0	19,356	19,356	2,113	2,113
23 Unalakleet	90533-6	3,897	0	453	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,433	0	0	0	16,730	12,930	3,484	3,484
24 Douglas	90526-3	5,863	5,863	682	682	392	0	741	0	102	0	0	339	1,526	6,666	6,666	0	17,242	12,931	5,342	5,342
25 Adak	90521-7	5,289	5,289	615	615	2,282	0	1,185	0	4,086	0	0	1,050	6,016	6,016	6,300	0	14,340	14,340	4,729	4,729
26 Northern Light	90538-7	9,638	9,638	1,120	1,120	0	0	1,420	0	0	0	0	840	13,056	10,960	10,960	0	8,616	8,616	8,616	8,616
27 Kachikan	90530-3	4,610	4,610	537	115	804	0	981	0	289	0	266	0	0	5,244	1,402	0	20,927	20,927	3,589	3,589
28 Sitka	90513-7	4,015	4,015	467	467	0	0	100	0	1,871	0	0	0	60	4,565	4,565	0	0	0	0	0
	2007 TOTAL	178,214	169,879	20,718	19,327	58,569	0	19,312	0	14,077	0	7,968	7,228	136,009	202,663	189,362	6,300	378,839	342,959	159,310	147,740
	2006 TOTAL	145,415	136,229	21,101	20,035	24,031	140	25,258	0	15,307	0	3,075	4,964	126,657	159,714	146,764	0	536,283	513,520	171,278	157,339
	INCREASE/DECREASE	32,799	33,650	(383)	-708	34,538	(140)	(5,946)	0	(1,230)	0	4,893	2,264	12,152	42,969	42,598	6,300	(157,424)	(170,561)	(111,968)	(9,595)

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		Base Compensation of Pastor in Charge	Associate Pastor(s)'s Base Compensation	Utility and Housing Allowances Paid	Reimbursements Paid to Clergy	Other Cash Allowance Paid	Diocesan Minister(s)'s &/or Deacon(s)'s Salary, Allowances, & Expenses	Other Staff Salaries, Wages, Allowances, & Expenses	Current Program Expense	Other Current Operating Expense	Loan Principal and Interest	Building and Grounds Improvements	UMW Paid to AMC UMW Treasurer	GRAND TOTAL PAID	Total Apportionments & Billings	Apportionments & Billings Paid	
CHURCH	NUMBER	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	AMC 1	AMC2	
1 Homer	90534-3	39,093	0	20,400	1,830	0	0	19,257	4,826	27,300	0	166,000	2,245	313,318	28,134	28,583	
2 Kenai	90542-3	33,469	0	3,655	0	668	0	0	735	19,800	0	0	0	82,565	22,933	23,473	
3 Moose Pass	90546-7	600	0	0	1,222	0	0	0	717	2,180	0	4,527	0	11,518	1,898	1,898	
4 Nikiski	90537-6	33,090	0	4,184	4,000	0	0	10,580	3,919	29,244	0	14,240	500	132,619	28,202	32,398	
5 Ninilchik	90543-4	11,200	0	0	0	1,200	0	0	370	10,433	0	0	0	31,020	6,107	5,998	
6 Seward	90570-7	8,339	0	7,578	4,400	0	0	0	2,854	12,839	0	2,271	0	62,827	21,092	21,092	
7 Soldotna	90545-6	28,440	0	5,224	4,637	0	0	0	5,917	33,365	0	11,544	1,800	134,826	36,196	36,196	
8 First Fairbanks	90530-8	35,300	0	35,524	5,861	0	0	121,892	14,420	75,288	0	0	0	396,778	81,155	81,155	
9 Nome	90562-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,719	34,520	0	0	0	41,568	17,729	5,329	
10 North Pole*	90531-0	6,857	0	3,833	0	0	0	9,470	750	20,000	7,500	0	0	59,622	27,348	10,618	
11 Wasilla	90520-6	43,760	0	3,250	5,790	0	0	6,359	3,635	14,116	0	0	0	120,805	41,153	41,153	
12 Willow	90551-4	22,220	0	13,200	3,509	0	0	0	1,576	18,865	0	0	0	92,044	30,640	30,640	
13 Anchor Park	90514-8	38,100	11,500	4,776	6,365	0	0	95,155	29,661	73,138	0	22,632	3,085	382,490	60,270	60,269	
14 East Anchorage	90544-5	29,500	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,485	25,903	18,664	0	0	112,694	15,211	15,211	
15 First Anchorage	90510-4	58,400	0	22,300	1,000	2,500	0	127,195	16,987	101,873	0	8,775	2,000	412,631	65,662	65,662	
16 First Samoan	90554-7	13,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	5,000	3,750	1,000	0	23,250	4,773	0	
17 Jewel Lake*	90511-5	20,221	0	3,991	1,323	0	0	22,261	52,329	0	0	0	0	133,104	28,979	28,979	
18 Korean	90509-2	24,000	0	19,200	4,000	3,300	0	0	3,000	8,000	0	0	0	66,000	9,271	4,500	
19 Saint John	90512-6	60,295	37,260	28,350	6,971	0	76,257	204,805	23,013	132,910	206,664	46,025	2,025	1,032,284	134,636	134,636	
20 Turnagain	90517-2	27,565	0	18,750	4,077	0	0	26,172	6,066	29,751	0	14,773	1,500	179,527	38,615	40,594	
21 Chugiak	90518-3	43,717	0	5,065	4,916	2,800	0	35,645	6,977	95,208	125,184	0	0	374,760	38,878	39,204	
22 Girdwood	90547-8	0	0	22,310	3,802	690	0	0	4,303	18,231	66,662	89,121	0	235,965	26,794	26,794	
23 Unalaska	90553-6	4,809	0	9,812	4,062	0	0	1,340	1,694	19,117	0	0	0	43,224	28,997	2,390	
24 Douglas	90526-3	38,405	0	7,225	779	3,887	0	15,964	1,322	39,599	220	0	3,945	145,829	35,695	31,384	
25 Aldersgate	90521-7	42,000	0	3,204	0	0	0	11,806	2,929	31,141	12,000	6,734	0	155,926	30,989	30,989	
26 Northern Light*	90538-7	22,750	0	16,500	898	0	0	25,622	7,924	25,511	35,273	11,340	1,000	192,470	30,333	30,333	
27 Ketchikan	90550-3	22,238	0	5,625	0	0	0	0	1,734	29,851	13,838	0	0	82,239	14,511	6,127	
28 Sitka	90513-7	27,870	0	6,887	4,442	0	0	3,588	2,697	28,543	10,800	5,624	670	127,582	33,563	33,563	
	2007 TOTAL	735,638	58,760	270,843	73,884	15,045	76,257	737,111	204,659	961,726	500,555	404,606	18,770	5,179,485	939,764	869,167	
	2006 TOTAL	722,740	66,932	283,122	57,571	28,778	77,011	680,085	153,352	890,046	441,067	675,269	15,906	5,263,530	1,033,741	973,887	
	INCREASE/(DECREASE)	12,898	(8,172)	(12,279)	16,313	(13,733)	(754)	57,026	51,307	71,680	59,488	(270,663)	2,864	(84,046)	(93,977)	(104,720)	

*Presbyterian/United Methodist United Churches reporting half of total receipts

ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE RECEIPTS REPORT SUMMARY FOR 2007
2007 TABLE III

IDENTITY		ANNUAL OPERATING AND BENEVOLENCE BUDGET SOURCES									CAPITAL AND SPECIAL SOURCES				OUTSIDE LOCAL CHURCH SOURCES			
CHURCH	NUMBER	Number of Giving Units	Received thru Pledges	Received from non-pledging, yet identified givers	Received from Unidentified Givers	Received from Int. & Div.	Received from sale of Church Assets	Received from building use fees, contributions and rentals	Received thru fundraisers	Total	Capital Campaign	Memorial/Endowment/Bequests	Other Sources & Projects	Total	Equitable Compensation Funds	Advanced Specials & Apportioned Fund	Other	Total
		1.0	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1	2a	2b	2c	2	3a	3b	3c	3
1 Homer	90534-3	102	81,656	24,850	14,054	0	0	12,897	0	133,457	63,487	500	0	63,987	0	1,194	0	1,194
2 Kenai	90542-3	48	75,050	19,086	1,342	455	0	730	0	96,663	0	406	0	406	5,401	2,893	12,472	20,766
3 Moose Pass	90546-7	15	0	11,755	752	0	0	550	0	13,057	910	0	0	910	0	0	0	0
4 Nikiski	90537-6	33	22,416	55,984	3,286	52	0	1,900	812	84,450	14,725	5,000	0	19,725	0	4,862	0	4,862
5 Ninilchik	90543-4	39	0	28,531	5,101	216	0	5,495	968	40,311	0	0	685	685	2,400	0	0	2,400
6 Seward	90570-7	0	52,352	16,034	1,984	139	425	300	8,114	79,348	2,708	200	0	2,908	12,000	1,450	0	13,450
7 Soldotna	90545-6	115	0	114,719	6,715	1,727	0	0	3,164	126,325	0	3,610	0	3,610	0	14,560	2,024	16,584
8 First Fairbanks	90530-8	365	264,515	113,256	11,694	0	0	1,971	26,000	417,438	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	6,000
9 Nome	90562-7	0	0	19,505	3,609	0	0	4,700	6,557	34,371	0	0	0	0	0	15,233	19,526	34,759
10 North Pole*	90531-0	30	62,167	0	20,250	293	0	5,000	87,710	13,000	0	0	0	13,000	0	0	0	0
11 Wasilla	90520-6	87	99,332	34,764	1,262	2,322	0	80	7,612	145,372	830	0	0	830	0	0	0	0
12 Willow	90551-4	78	0	53,895	5,912	25	0	210	0	60,042	3,452	0	10,845	14,297	0	19,470	300	19,770
13 Anchor Park	90514-8	160	183,557	122,370	7,839	122	0	2,550	34,711	351,149	0	2,625	8,800	11,425	0	3,000	0	3,000
14 East Anchorage	90544-5	70	91,119	0	0	202	0	39,827	814	132,062	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	500
15 First Anchorage	90510-4	219	172,724	108,542	47,365	1,934	0	67,979	5,875	404,419	0	5,325	0	5,325	0	0	0	0
16 First Seward	90554-7	0	0	17,000	500	0	0	0	5,000	22,500	0	0	800	800	0	0	0	0
17 Jewel Lake*	90511-5	76	128,694	34,842	3,532	1,057	0	1,490	30,707	200,322	0	0	99,800	99,800	0	6,590	0	6,590
18 Korean	90509-2	0	0	96,838	800	0	0	0	0	97,638	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 Saint John	90512-6	479	667,096	135,334	18,961	4,361	37,527	24,818	24,214	912,311	0	2,025	0	2,025	0	525	0	525
20 Turnagain	90517-2	112	81,648	51,755	3,590	11,964	0	36,441	1,903	187,301	0	0	0	0	0	14,035	0	14,035
21 Chugiak	90518-3	237	300,110	49,474	1,149	122	0	5,389	5,259	361,503	0	235	0	235	0	0	0	0
22 Girdwood	90547-8	45	64,301	19,626	5,540	643	17,500	400	0	108,010	61,452	400	134,870	196,722	0	64,898	0	64,898
23 Unalaska	90553-6	25	4,825	18,132	7,850	53	0	100	7,126	38,086	0	0	0	0	6,000	25,914	9,117	35,031
24 Douglas	90526-3	18	48,824	104,158	5,162	954	0	14,060	4,043	177,201	0	1,391	0	1,391	0	285	0	285
25 Aldersgate	90521-7	0	0	151,961	1,932	305	0	18,515	3,544	176,257	0	0	0	0	0	7,671	0	7,671
26 Northern Light*	90538-7	45	62,968	48,232	2,670	1,091	0	28,352	0	143,303	0	14,331	0	14,331	0	14,748	7,250	21,998
27 Ketchikan	90550-3	0	65,344	8,452	5,678	0	0	7,155	19,589	106,222	660	150	0	810	12,000	5,176	0	5,176
28 Sitka	90513-7	35	72,800	6,132	0	48	9,366	18,150	2,930	109,426	0	0	0	0	0	19,940	0	19,940
2007 TOTAL		2,433	2,601,488	1,465,227	188,529	28,089	64,818	294,159	203,942	4,846,252	161,224	36,198	255,800	453,222	37,801	222,944	56,689	299,434
2006 TOTAL		1,966	2,532,481	1,384,386	225,190	28,702	12,208	254,004	360,811	4,797,782	446,019	57,209	273,000	776,228	57,400	273,945	74,409	405,754
INCREASE/(DECREASE)		467	69,007	80,841	(36,661)	(613)	52,610	40,155	(156,869)	48,470	(284,795)	(21,011)	(17,200)	(323,006)	(19,599)	(51,001)	(17,720)	(106,320)

*Presbyterian/United Methodist United Churches reporting half of total receipts

2009 APPORTIONMENTS

	GRADE FIGURE	TOTAL 2009 APPORTIONMENT	2008 APPORTIONMENTS	VARIANCE
Homer	0.035088	22,201	20,699	(1,502)
New Covenant	0.023369	14,788	14,344	(444)
Moose Pass	0.004402	2,786	2,620	(166)
North Star	0.021100	13,350	11,386	(1,964)
St. Peter	0.009711	6,146	5,702	(444)
Seward	0.017029	10,775	11,299	524
Soldotna	0.026963	17,060	16,697	(363)
First Fairbanks	0.104062	65,845	64,846	(999)
Nome	0.014247	9,013	8,299	(714)
New Hope	0.015727	9,954	10,650	696
First Wasilla	0.036294	22,965	24,021	1,056
Willow	0.018896	11,957	12,189	232
Anchor Park	0.069200	43,787	39,907	(3,880)
East Anchorage	0.027816	17,601	17,006	(595)
First Anchorage	0.087246	55,207	50,160	(5,047)
First Samoan	0.010651	6,740	6,976	236
Jewel Lake	0.022382	14,164	12,027	(2,137)
Korean	0.015273	9,664	9,933	269
Saint John	0.172579	109,205	98,199	(11,006)
Turnagain	0.032566	20,608	19,964	(644)
Chugiak	0.061212	38,733	36,621	(2,112)
Girdwood Chapel	0.014561	9,215	8,343	(872)
Unalaska	0.013844	8,760	10,769	2,009
Douglas	0.032533	20,586	19,898	(688)
Aldersgate	0.031806	20,126	19,523	(603)
Northern Light	0.033210	21,015	26,486	5,471
First Ketchikan	0.023070	14,598	14,541	(57)
Sitka	0.025161	15,921	14,091	(1,830)
CONFERENCE TOTAL	1.000000	632,770	607,196	(25,574)

This estimate of apportionments for 2009 assumes that the proposed budget is adopted and that there will be no changes to the statistical tables presented in the preconference journal.



C. 2008 Conference Budget

Connectional Clergy Support Fund	
Apportioned Pension & Benefit Funding	--
Conference Superintendent's Fund	138,453
Episcopal Fund	10,168
Episcopal Housing	4,000
Equitable Compensation Fund	75,000
Clergy Recruitment Fund	5,000
Western Jurisdiction Korean Superintendent	587
Total Connectional Clergy Support Fund	\$258,208
Connectional Administration Fund	
Administrative Unit	\$2,850
Annual Sessions (Conference)	16,000
Area Expense Fund	5,000
Commission on Archives & History	3,600
Conference Center	113,040
Conference Secretary	150
Conference Journal	3,500
Conference Statistician	60
Council on Finance & Administration & Office of	
Conference Treasurer	32,500
Courtesy Committee	250
General Conference Administration	4,171
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	1,009
Jurisdictional Administration	903
Lay Leader Expense	500
Professional Ministries Unit	11,500
Western Jurisdiction VIM Coordinator	2,000
Volunteers In Mission	2,000
Delegate Expense Fund	2,000
Quadrennial Training Travel	1,000
Property Repair & Maintenance Fund	10,000
Contingency Fund	5,000
Total Connectional Administration Fund	\$217,033
World Service & Conference Benevolence Fund	
World Service Fund	\$37,454
Connectional Ministries	85,000
Conference Coordinating Council	5,000
Campus Ministries	18,500
Communications	727
Native Ministries	5,000
New Ministries	26,700
Alaska Christian Conference	500
Council on Youth Ministries	8,000
Conference Outdoor Ministries	21,200
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries	700
Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness	1,500

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Regional Program Councils	19,000
Total World Service & Conference Benevolence Fund	\$229,261
Other General Conference Apportionments	
Ministerial Education Fund	\$12,947
Black College Fund	5,165
Africa University Fund	1,156
Total Other General Conference Apportionments	\$19,268
Total Conference Budget	\$723,770

2009 Budget Summary

Expense Budget	
Connectional Clergy Support Fund	\$258,208
Connectional Administration Fund	217,033
World Service & Conference Benevolence	229,261
Other General Conference Apportionments	19,268
Total Conference Expense Budget	\$723,770
Anticipated Income Budget	
Apportionments	\$636,770
Parish Assistance Grants	23,000
Parish Partner's Fund	10,000
Rental Income	39,000
Church & Community Worker	--
Investment Income	15,000
Other Income	--
Total Anticipated Income Budget	\$723,770

Pastor's Salaries, Allowances and Benefits – 2008

Church	Salary	Cont. Ed.	Prof. Exp.	Travel	Housing & Util.
Aldersgate	43,000	1500(v)	-	2000(v)	pars/util
Anchor Park & East Anchorage					
Co-Pastor	47,500	1550(v)	1800(v)	2500(v)	pars/util
Co-Pastor	47,500	1550(v)	1800(v)	2500(v)	pars/util
Anchorage Korean	12,000	-	-	-	pars/util
Christ First	43,460	1000(v)	-	5500(v)	pars/util
Community (Nome)	47,048	1000(v)	2000(v)	-	pars/util
Douglas	39,992	1000(v)	-	500(v)	pars/util
First Anchorage	60,152	1000(v)	-	2500	23,200
First Fairbanks	44,662	1000(v)	3000(v)	3600(v)	35,524
First Ketchikan	43,993	1000(v)	55(v)	1500(v)	pars/util
First Samoan	15,000	-	-	-	pars/util
Girdwood Chapel	39,592	1500(v)	1700(v)	2500(v)	22,310
Homer	24,051	500(v)	5500(v)	-	30,632
Jewel Lake Parish	51,922	1000(v)	-	1500(v)	pars/util
New Hope M/P	33,077	1,000(v)	1,200(v)		23,000
North Star	38,593	1000(v)	-	3500(v)	pars/util
Northern Light					
Palmer Fellowship	19,170	-	-	-	-
Seward	41,192	1000(v)	500(v)	1000(v)	pars/util
Moose Pass	-	-	-	3000(v)	-
Soldotna	43,000	1000(v)	-	2000(v)	pars/util
St. John					
Senior Pastor	62,500	(v)	(v)	(v)	pars/util
Associate Pastor	42,500	400(v)	500 (v)	1000(v)	24,500
St. Peter/Fisherman	13,860	1000(v)	-	1500(v)	pars/util
Turnagain	42,850	1000(v)	700(v)	2500(v)	18,750
Unalaska	46,905	2000(v)	500(v)	4000(v)	pars/util
UMC of Chugiak	46,350	1000(v)	2400(v)	-	pars/util
UMC/New Covenant	35,436	1200(v)	400(v)	2000(v)	pars/util
UMC of Sitka	41,595	-	3000(v)	-	pars/util
Willow	42,993	1000(v)	1400(v)	3600(v)	13,200
v=vouchered					

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XII. RULES OF ORDER

DIVISION 1 . . . ORGANIZATION OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

R1.00...NAME: Created by The United Methodist Church as a missionary conference, the name of the conference shall be The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC). It may be known informally as The Alaska Conference, and its Board of Trustees may be incorporated under the name The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Inc.

R1.00 . . . CONVENING: The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) shall convene its annual conference on the date set by the Presiding Bishop of the area as provided in the United Methodist Discipline (Disc., 2004, ¶603.2).

R1.05 . . . PLANNING COMMITTEE: The annual conference Planning Committee (AMPC) shall plan the annual conference. (See R5.1002 for the composition and duties of this committee.)

DIVISION 2 . . . MEMBERSHIP

R2.00 . . . CATEGORIES: The categories of clergy membership in the AUMC shall be:

AFFILIATE: Ordained United Methodist clergy appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the area to serve United Methodist Churches and/or ecumenical agencies and ecumenical shared ministries within the boundaries of the AUMC shall have affiliate status and full voting rights as provided in the *Book of Discipline*, ¶586.4. This category does not include those serving in the category of Indigenous.

COLLEGIAL: Ordained clergy of other denominations who meet disciplinary requirements (Disc., 2004, ¶346.2) and who are appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the area to serve in United Methodist Churches or ecumenical shared ministries or are hired by ecumenical agencies shall have the right of participation as defined in the *Book of Discipline*. Collegial means in association with the AUMC.

INDIGENOUS: Indigenous persons in The Alaska United Methodist Conference who have been ordained by a United Methodist bishop, or who have been ordained by another church in ministerial communion with The United Methodist Church when the orders of such a person are recognized and accepted by the Presiding Bishop, who apply for membership and who are accepted for membership by the bishop shall be clergy members in full connection of The Alaska United Methodist Conference.

As provided in ¶588 of the 2004 *Book of Discipline*, any other portion of the *Discipline* notwithstanding, there shall be a Council of Native Elders (the Council). The Council shall have the right to recommend to the bishop Alaska indigenous persons as candidates for ordination as elders and deacons. The bishop, in consultation with the AUMC Superintendent, shall have the authority to act on the recommendation. The bishop may appoint indigenous persons to be members of the Council. Candidates for ordination approved through this process shall be ordained by the bishop at an ordination service during the time of the annual conference of the AUMC.

R2.01 . . . COVENANT STATEMENT: The Alaska United Methodist Conference at its 1996 annual conference established the right of full ministerial membership. As we enter this time of transition toward conference membership, it is important as persons, lay and clergy of the AUMC in this conference, to affirm what it means to be The Alaska United Methodist Conference of The United Methodist Church. As persons fully aware of the expanded opportunities for ministry in The Alaska United Methodist Conference, and with the knowledge that because of that opportunity we will become a different body, some of whom will be full

members and others who will be affiliate members of The Alaska United Methodist Conference, we covenant together to

- pray for the well-being of each person and their ministry and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this emerging conference and its leaders
- recognize the unique nature of our conference and to work against any process or perception that would unnecessarily highlight the differentiation between the members and the affiliates and thus fragment our community.
- acknowledge and respect the theological, cultural, professional and gender diversity that we represent, by modeling inclusiveness at all levels, conscientiously respecting professional boundaries both in our personal lives and in our corporate life together and actively upholding and affirming each other's ministries.
- participate, to the best of our ability, in conference activities so that our connections with each other will be strengthened through genuine support and accountability.
- be assertive when we feel we have been wronged, stay in dialogue when disagreements arise, utilize the process set forth in our Discipline, recognize and adhere to the lines of authority expressed therein and strive to be fair and kind in our speech and our process
- actively welcome and encourage new members, both temporary and permanent, while respecting and listening to the insights and experience of our established members.

"Support without accountability promotes moral weakness; accountability without support is a form of cruelty." (2004 Discipline, ¶ 101: "General Rules and Social Principles")

We the people of God called United Methodist, in ministry in The Alaska United Methodist Conference, grounded in the creative power of the living Word, and immersed in the grace of God through Jesus the Christ, commit ourselves to this covenant. May we truly be to each other and to the world the body of Christ.

R2.03...SUPERINTENDENCY: If the presiding bishop appoints more than one person to superintend the work of the Church in the AUMC, then there shall be formed a Superintending Team (Team). The Team shall consist of those persons appointed by the bishop to superintend the Church in the AUMC. The Team shall form its own organization and shall choose for itself, under the supervision of the bishop, how it shall divide the work of superintending. However, each church in the AUMC will receive clear and prompt information about which member of the Team is to be that church's primary contact among the Team members for advice and assistance as required.

The Team will choose for itself which member shall perform the superintending functions specified in these rules, and on any body of the AUMC which requires membership of the AUMC superintendent, any one or more members of the Team may represent the Team. However, if more than one Team member attends a meeting of such a body, then only one will be empowered with vote on those bodies on which the superintendent has a vote. In the interest of continuity and order the Team is encouraged to maintain consistent representation on each AUMC body providing for membership of a superintendent.

R2.04...SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENSATION: If one person is appointed to be the Superintendent of the AUMC, then the Superintendent's salary will be established by the Professional Ministries Unit at 150% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC) for the most recent year for which information is available from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits if no parsonage is provided to the Superintendent. If a parsonage is provided, then the Superintendent's salary will be 120% of the CAC. In any event, the Superintendent will be provided with an additional allowance of four percent (4%) of compensation per year for utility expenses. These amounts will be computed at such time as to be included in the budget recommendation the Council on Finance and Administration presents to the AUMC for

establishing the conference budget for the succeeding calendar year, and the Superintendent's compensation will not be changed at any other time.

R2.05 . . . INSTITUTION AND AGENCY MEMBERS: Institutions and agencies related to the AUMC and/or the GBGM shall be fully franchised in the AUMC and shall be allowed two (2) voting members (one lay person and one clergy), both of whom shall be members of The United Methodist Church in accordance with constitutional requirements (Disc., 2004, ¶586.5). Institutions and agencies currently related to the AUMC are:

Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
Alaska Pacific University
Nome Community Center
United Campus Ministry, Inc. Fairbanks
University Community Ministry, Anchorage
Wesley Rehabilitation Center of Seward

R2.10 . . . LAY MEMBERSHIP FROM CHURCHES: The charge conference of each charge shall elect a lay member and one (1) or more alternate members of the AUMC quadrennially at the charge conference following the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference. Lay members whose terms would otherwise expire at the end of 2003 will, with the enactment of this rule, have their terms extended through 31 December 2004. Each charge served by more than one clergy shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy. Each congregation of a charge shall be entitled to lay representation, provided there are not more than two (2) lay members from each congregation.

R2.15 . . . LAY MEMBERS AT LARGE: The AUMC lay leader, the president of United Methodist Women (UMW), president or one of the members of the Conference Council of Youth Ministry (CCYM), diaconal ministers serving in the AUMC, and the active deaconesses under episcopal appointment within the bounds of the AUMC shall be members of the AUMC provided that they have been members of The United Methodist Church for at least two (2) years (Disc., 2004, ¶32).

R2.20 . . . NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Non-members of the AUMC having membership on one of its agencies, units, councils, committees, task forces, or societies shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters relating to the report of said unit, council, committee, task force, or society. In addition the following persons shall have the privilege of the floor without vote:

Lay home missionaries related to the GBGM
Other missionaries serving within the bounds of the AUMC
A CCYM representative from each region
A representative of a fellowship meeting regularly and authorized by the AUMC Superintendent

The AUMC may authorize national workers, pastors of ecumenical parishes, official visitors of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist clergy who are not otherwise members of the AUMC to be accorded the same privilege.

R2.25 . . . EQUAL MEMBERSHIP: In order to achieve equality of lay and clergy membership at the annual conference, the Presiding Bishop and AUMC Superintendent may appoint a committee each year to select lay persons to equalize membership (Disc., 2004, ¶32).

DIVISION 3 . . . ATTENDANCE

R3.00 . . . ATTENDANCE: Clergy members, lay members, and missionaries are expected to attend the annual conference sessions on a full-time basis unless excused by the AUMC superintendent.

R3.05 . . . REIMBURSEMENT: Reimbursement for approved expenses as defined by the Council on Finance and Administration will be paid for clergy members, lay members, local pastors, home missionaries, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, the AUMC secretary, the

statistician, the treasurer, the historian, the chancellor, the chairperson of the CFA, and AUMC staff personnel as approved by the AUMC Superintendent.

DIVISION 4 . . . OFFICERS OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

R4.00 . . . NUMBER, NAME, AND MANNER OF ELECTION: The officers of the AUMC shall be:

President: The Presiding Bishop of the Area presides at all sessions of the AUMC.

Secretary: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference, the Secretary serves for a quadrennium and keeps the minutes of all sessions of the AUMC and edits the journal of the AUMC.

Statistician: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AUMC following the General Conference, the Statistician serves for a quadrennium and keeps the statistical record of the AUMC.

Treasurer: Nominated by CFA with the confirmation by the AUMC at its next session, the Treasurer manages the financial office of the AUMC and provides reports of financial operation.

Conference Coordinating Council Chairperson: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations at the annual conference following General Conference. Shall serve for the quadrennium.

Historian: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations, the Historian keeps the historical record of the AUMC.

Chancellor: Nominated by the Presiding Bishop of the Area with the concurrence of the AUMC, the Chancellor serves as general counsel on legal matters for the AUMC.

Conference Lay Leader: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by ballot quadrennially at the first session of the lay members of the AUMC following the regular session of General Conference. The current lay leader will preside over the election and is not prohibited from candidacy or from reelection. When the election is held, additional nominations will be received from the floor. Only lay members of the AUMC will have vote in the election, and election will be by a majority of the valid ballots cast. Balloting will continue until an election is declared by the presiding officer. If a vacancy in the office occurs between sessions of the AUMC, then the office will be filled by a lay member of a church in the AUMC chosen by a committee consisting of the Bishop, the AUMC Superintendent, the AUMC President of United Methodist Women, and the AUMC President of United Methodist Men. The person so selected shall serve until the next lay session of the AUMC, at which time a person will be elected to fill the unexpired term of office.

Assistant Secretary(ies) and Statistician(s): Nominated annually by the Secretary and Statistician respectively, or appointed ad interim with concurrence of the AUMC at its opening session, the assistants provide assistance in the recording of the minutes and tabulation of statistics of the AUMC.

DIVISION 5 . . . STANDING COMMITTEES, UNITS, AND COUNCILS OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE.

R5.00 . . . NAME AND NUMBER: The standing committees, units, and councils of the AUMC shall be:

- Administrative Unit
- Alaska Christian Conference Delegation
- Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- Commission on Archives and History
- Committee on Communications
- Committee on Mission Personnel
- Committee on Nominations
- Conference Coordinating Council
- Conference Council on Youth Ministry

Continuing Consultation with the General Board of Global Ministries
 Council on Finance and Administration
 Courtesy Committee

Joint Missionary Conference Consultation Committee

Native Ministry Committee

New Ministries Committee

Outdoor Ministries Committee

Professional Ministry Unit

Board of Laity

Regional Program Councils for Southeast, Northern, Southcentral, and Kenai Peninsula Regions.

R5.0100...In order to ensure compliance with the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, the function of each annual conference agency specified in the *Discipline* shall be filled by an AUMC agency as indicated herein following. By a method to be selected by the conference agency to which responsibility for the area of ministry is herein assigned, the agency shall select a member to bear principal responsibility for that ministry. Between sessions of the Annual Conference the CCC shall have authority to make changes in these assignments to optimize our connections to the general church.

DISCIPLINARY PROVISION

Committee on Nominations ¶603.9.a

Council on Finance and Administration¶610

Commission on Equitable Compensation ¶624

Board of Church and Society ¶628

Board of Discipleship ¶629

Board of Laity ¶630

Committee on Ethnic Local Church

Concerns ¶631

Board of Global Ministries ¶632

Committee on Parish and Community

Development ¶632.5

Board of Higher Education and Campus
 Ministry ¶633

Board of Ordained Ministry ¶634

Board of Pensions ¶638

Board of Trustees ¶639

Commission on Archives and History ¶640

Commission on Christian Unity and

Interreligious Concerns ¶641

Commission on Religion and Race ¶642

Commission on the Status and
 Role of Women ¶643

Commission on the Small Membership
 Church ¶644

Commission on Communications ¶645

Council on Youth Ministry ¶648

Committee on Disability Concerns ¶652

Committee on Native American Ministry ¶653

AUMC CORRESPONDING AGENCY

Committee on Nominations R5.1005.

Council on Finance & Administration R5.1009

Administrative Unit R5.1000

Southcentral Regional Program Council
 R5.1016

Kenai Regional Program Council R5.1016

Board of Laity R5.1017

Southcentral Regional Program Council
 R5.1016

Northern Regional Program Council R5.1016

Southcentral Regional Program Council
 R5.1016

Southeast Regional Program Council R5.1016

Professional Ministries Unit R5.1015

Administrative Unit R5.1000

Administrative Unit R5.1000

Commission on Archives and History R5.1003

Alaska Christian Conference Delegation
 R5.1001

Southcentral Regional Program Council
 R5.1016

Southeast Regional Program Council R5.1016

Kenai Regional Program Council R5.1016

Committee on Communications R5.1004

Council on Youth Ministry R5.1007

Administrative Unit R5.1000

Native Ministries Committee R5.1012

R5.0500 . . . PLENARY POWER: All standing committees, units, and councils shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the AUMC.

R5.0501 . . . COMPOSITION: The Committee on Nominations in forwarding nominations to the AUMC for standing committees, units, and councils shall strive for balance

with regard to ethnicity, gender, and region in their membership. In addition, to ensure the voice of youth and young adults is heard in the decision making processes of the AUMC, prior to beginning its deliberations the Committee will solicit from the pastor of each church in the conference the names of people in those categories who should be considered for service.

R5.0502 . . . TENURE: No person shall serve on any standing committee, council, or unit of the AUMC (whose members are elected by the AUMC) more than eight (8) years, consecutively, and chairpersons shall not serve more than four (4) years, consecutively, with the following exceptions:

- Service of one (1) or two (2) years to fill a vacant position on a quadrennially elected standing committee shall not be counted for the purpose of this rule.

- In the case of committees elected in other term classes, the maximum period of service shall be two (2) terms, with the provision that a one (1) year filling of a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

- Exofficio members who serve by virtue of their office, including members of the CCC, shall not be affected by this rule.

R5.0503 . . . ORGANIZATION: Standing committees, units, and councils shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary except Administrative Unit, Commission on Archives and History, Conference Coordinating Council, Committee on Native American Ministries, New Ministries Committee, Council on Finance and Administration, and Outdoor Ministries Committee.

R5.0504 . . . VACANCIES: Vacancies that occur between sessions of the Annual Conference will be filled by the procedure provided in the *Book of Discipline* when such a procedure is provided, as in the case of the Board of Trustees. When a procedure is not provided in the *Book of Discipline*, then the AUMC Superintendent will recommend to the Committee on Nominations a person to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, and the Committee on Nominations shall make the selection by majority vote. The person so selected will serve until the term for which he or she was selected expires, at which time the normal election procedure will be followed.

R5.10 . . . DEFINITION AND DESCRIPTION

R5.1000 . . . ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Administrative Unit is to serve in the AUMC as the Board of Trustees (§2512), the Commission on Equitable Compensation (§624), the Board of Pensions (§638), the District Board of Church Location and Building (§2518), the AUMC Foundation Committee (§612.16), and the Rules Committee.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION... There shall be twelve (12) members, and it is recommended that one-third be clergy, one third laywomen, and one-third laymen, in accordance with the provisions of §2512.1. Among the twelve members, the AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Treasurer shall serve as full voting members, except that if the Treasurer is a member of the paid staff of the AUMC, the Treasurer shall serve as a member without vote. The members shall elect their own officers in accordance with §2512.2, and those persons elected to be officers of the Board of Trustees shall be the officers of the Administrative Unit.

MEETINGS . . . The Administrative Unit shall meet at least two (2) times per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

To fulfill the requirements of the United Methodist Discipline and the Rules of the AUMC related to equitable compensation, property and associated matters, pensions and benefits, church location and building, and AUMC rules of order.

To oversee the management and affairs of the Alaska United Methodist Foundation, convened for that purpose as the AUMC Board of Trustees which shall also serve as the AUMC Foundation Committee.

To propose to the AUMC such amendments (if any) to the AUMC rules of order as may be necessary to keep the rules up-to-date with the practice and operation of the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Administrative Unit shall be accountable to the AUMC and shall be linked to the Conference Coordinating Council through its chair who shall be a CCC member.

R5.1001 . . . ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE DELEGATION

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference is to clarify and strengthen our witness to Christ as Lord of the church and world by:

A. Acknowledging Christ's Lordship in worship, word, and action.

B. Attempting to apply more effectively the substance and insights of the Christian Gospel to the structures and institutions of this state, reminding all that every structure exists to serve humanity and is accountable to God.

C. Providing means of cooperation and communication with agencies and movements which further the common purpose of the members of the Conference.

D. Providing forums and places of communication and sharing work of the churches as a means whereby duplication of offices and efforts may be lessened.

E. Doing together all things save those which we must in conscience and obedience do separately.

F. Promoting the spirit of ecumenism, cultivation of inter-church fellowship in communities throughout the state, and fostering dialogue in the realm of faith and order.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . Each member ecclesiastical unit shall be entitled to five (5) representatives (executive, clergy, layman, laywoman, and youth under 21 years of age) in the Assembly plus one (1) additional person for each 1,000 confirmed or adult members or major fraction thereof. At least one-half (1/2) of the elected representatives of each member unit shall be lay persons.

There shall be an Executive Board composed of:

1. One administrator of each member ecclesiastical unit.

2. The officers of the Assembly.

3. One lay representative of each member ecclesiastical body.

Delegates of the AUMC to the ACC who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during the term of their effective appointment. Other delegates shall serve for a two-year period and shall be elected at the annual conference preceding the meeting of the ACC Assembly.

MEETINGS . . . A biennial meeting of the Assembly shall be held at a time and place set by the ACC Executive Board. The Executive Board shall meet at least semi-annually. Special sessions may be called.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties and responsibilities are such as shall enhance the purpose of the ACC. Those elected by The Alaska United Methodist Conference shall be expected to attend the biennial assembly.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The autonomy and integrity of each ecclesiastical unit will be respected at all times. A report shall be made to the annual conference of the AUMC immediately following each biennial Assembly.

R5.1002 . . . ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (ACPC)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Annual Conference Planning Committee is to oversee the planning of the annual conference of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The members of the ACPC shall be the Bishop of the area, the AUMC Superintendent, the AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries, the Conference Secretary, the AUMC-UMW President or representative, the AUMC-UMM President or representative, the AUMC Lay Leader, the Chair for Worship (appointed by the ACPC), and the Pastor and Lay Leader of the host church or charge. In the event that a church-related institution is host, representatives of the host agency shall be added to the committee, together with such Pastor(s) as the AUMC shall appoint.

The AUMC Superintendent shall convene the ACPC.

The ACPC shall be appointed annually.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings shall be called as needed to plan the annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The ACPC is responsible for planning the annual conference, its budget, sessions, local arrangements, and any other concerns as needed.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The ACPC is directly amenable to the AUMC and the Presiding Bishop.

R5.1003 . . . COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

PURPOSE . . . The Commission on Archives and History shall retain, share and interpret the history of The Alaska United Methodist Conference. It shall work diligently to interest the present members of the Conference and others throughout The United Methodist Church in the history of The Alaska United Methodist Conference.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . the Committee on Nominations shall nominate a Chair and five members, at least two clergy and two lay, to serve for a quadrennium. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate a conference historian and at least one and no more than two conference archivists. These persons shall serve as ex-officio members of the Commission and will be included in the total of six members of the Commission. The archivist shall be responsible for maintaining a catalogue of the location and content of all items stored for present and future use. The historian shall be available to assist local churches in planning historical observances, be available to assist the AUMC in celebrating periodic historical occasions and interpret to the conference the work and mission of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History.

MEETINGS . . . The Commission shall meet at least twice a year by teleconference. Other meetings will be scheduled as funds are available.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Commission shall collect historical books, documents, journals, photographs, video and audio tapes containing important historical data and carry out the best means possible of preserving the historical record, both past and present, of The Alaska United Methodist Conference. It shall transmit items to the United Methodist Archives as are of general church interest.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The Commission on Archives and History shall be accountable to The Alaska United Methodist Conference and shall send a written report to the AUMC. It shall send a written report to the Conference Coordinating Council at its annual meeting. The AUMC Superintendent shall be the staff contact.

R5.1004 . . . COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Committee on Communications is to encourage and facilitate communication within the churches and agencies of the AUMC and with the general United Methodist Church.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . A communications coordinator shall be nominated quadrennially by the Committee on Nominations. That person shall serve on the Committee on Communications with as many others as are necessary to do the work.

MEETINGS . . . The committee shall meet informally as needed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (see purpose)

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Directly accountable to the AUMC through the nomination process.

R5.1005 . . . COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CON)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of CON is to select persons to place in nomination before the AUMC to fill such vacancies as there may be in the organization of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the CON shall be nominated from the floor at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference. The members shall serve for the succeeding quadrennium. Eight (8) persons shall be elected from the nominees: four (4) clergy and four (4) lay persons. The AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Lay Leader shall also serve on the CON.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings are held at least annually at annual conference and at such other times as may be considered necessary to do the business of the committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (spelled out in **PURPOSE**)

To nominate the Conference Lay Leader and the chairpersons of the following Conference Committees: New Ministries, Native Ministries, Outdoor Ministries, and Conference Coordinating Council. All other officers shall be elected by the committees, units, or council themselves.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CON is directly accountable to the AUMC through its nomination of the committee from the floor.

R5.1006 . . . CONFERENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CCC)

PURPOSE . . . The CCC shall coordinate the work of the Regional Program Councils (RPC) and working units, supervising the implementation of the AUMC priority strategies and guiding the AUMC concerning ongoing strategic planning of program ministry. The CCC will also be the arena for addressing general church and conference themes and issues.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . It is recommended that the membership of the CCC should be comprised of approximately 50% laity and 50% clergy. The following are members of the CCC:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

The AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries

The AUMC Lay Leader

The Chairperson of the Conference Coordinating Council

The AUMC-UMW President or representatives

The AUMC-UMM President or representative

The Conference Council on Youth Ministry President or representative

The CF&A President or elected representative

The Professional Ministry Unit Chair or elected representative

The Administrative Unit Chair or elected representative

The Committee on Native American Ministries Chair or an elected representative

The New Ministries Committee Chair or an elected representative

The Outdoor Ministries Chair or an elected representative

The four (4) Regional Program Council chairs or their elected representatives

The Chairperson of the Conference Commission on Archives and History or their elected representative

Any UMC member in the AUMC who serves as a director of any UM general agency

A representative of the Board of Global Ministries (exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Treasurer (exofficio without vote unless the treasurer serves as a volunteer not hired by the AUMC)

The CCC shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503 except for the Chairperson.

The Chairperson shall be elected quadrennially by the AUMC at the annual conference following the General Conference and shall be an officer of the AUMC.

MEETINGS . . . The CCC shall meet at least twice (2 times) during the conference year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

1. Coordinate and oversee the administrative functions necessary to ensure that the Regional Program Councils will be able to carry out the ministry of the AUMC
2. Coordinate the work of the working units and councils
3. Supervise the implementation of priority strategies
4. Guide the AUMC in ongoing strategic planning of program ministry
5. Serve as the arena for addressing, discussing, and implementing action concerning AUMC and general church issues and themes

6. Work with the Director of Connectional Ministries in implementing program ministry

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Because the CCC membership comes from the administration, standing committees, units, and councils of the AUMC, the accountability and linkage shall be through its members and their representatives.

R5.1007 . . . CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY (CCYM)

PURPOSE . . . To empower youth in their relationship with the Spirit of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, strengthening youth ministry in the local churches and organizations of the AUMC, and facilitating the youths' own efforts to invite others into relationship as disciples of Christ.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of the CCYM is two (2) youth representatives and one (1) adult regional advisor from each of the four regions of the Conference. The youth representatives shall elect a President from within their body who has full voting rights in the AUMC. In addition, CCYM regional youth representatives or designated alternates will have privilege of the floor without vote.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that the CCYM have an annual meeting.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties of the CCYM shall be:

To initiate and support plans and activities and projects that are of particular interest to youth.

To be an advocate for the free expression of the convictions of youth on issues vital to them.

To support and facilitate, where deemed necessary, the formation of youth caucuses.

To cooperate with the boards and agencies of the AUMC, receiving recommendations from and making recommendations to the same.

To elect and certify AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Convocation and the United Methodist Youth Organization.

To receive and set the policy and criteria for its portion of the Youth Service Fund, establish the policy for YSF education, and be responsible for YSF promotion throughout the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CCYM is linked by its President or other elected representative to the CCC. The CCYM is responsible to the CF&A for its operational budget and expenditures. The CCYM will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

R5.1008 . . . CONTINUING CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee monitors the relationship between the AUMC and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Continuing Consultation Committee is:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

Four (4) persons elected from the membership of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation by the AUMC, including in their membership at least one (1) lay person, an ordained clergy, and a woman.

Alternates for those who cannot attend meetings will be selected by the Presiding Bishop of the Area and the AUMC Superintendent from members of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation.

The membership of the Continuing Consultation Committee shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the AUMC each quadrennium at the meeting immediately following the General Conference. The membership from the GBGM shall include the liaison staff person to the AUMC and any other persons deemed appropriate by the General Secretary of the GBGM.

MEETINGS . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee shall meet at least once (1 time) per year. Expenses for any meeting are the responsibility of the GBGM.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties and responsibilities shall include but not be limited to:

Development of working personnel policies between GBGM and AUMC.

Development of working policies relating to land and property issues between GBGM and AUMC.

Interpretation of the 2004 Disc., ¶558 as it relates to AUMC/GBGM.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee will link any appropriate policy changes to the appropriate committees. A report will be made at each annual conference of any policy changes or revisions.

R5.1009 . . . COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (CFA)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the CFA is to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of CFA shall be:

Nine (9) persons --- five (5) lay persons and four (4) clergy. AUMC Treasurer (exofficio without vote) --- shall serve as Treasurer of the CFA.

Any member of the General Council on Finance and Administration (exofficio with vote providing their membership is not in conflict with any other provision of the Book of Discipline, in which case it shall be without vote). GCFA members cannot serve on an agency receiving funding from the CFA.

The Presiding Bishop of the Area (exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Superintendent (exofficio without vote)

The Director of Connectional Ministries (exofficio without vote)

The CFA shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503.

MEETINGS . . . The CFA shall meet at least two times per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

To fulfill the duties and responsibilities as required in *The Book of Discipline*, 2004, ¶¶612-617 and the AUMC Rules.

To develop, maintain, and administer fiscal and administrative policies and procedures for the AUMC.

To cooperate with the Administrative Unit in providing management services for the AUMC.

To provide for and administer the financial developments of the AUMC in cooperation with the Administrative Unit.

To develop and manage the yearly budget of the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CFA President is a member of the CCC.

R5.1010 . . . COURTESY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The Courtesy Committee provides acts and/or tokens of courtesy and appreciation at the AUMC annual conference.

MEMBERSHIP . . . The Presiding Bishop of the Area shall appoint one (1) clergy and one (1) lay person to be the Courtesy Committee for the quadrennium.

MEETINGS . . . The Courtesy Committee shall meet in consultation with the AUMC Superintendent and/or Director of Connectional Ministries before the annual conference and as needed during the annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To make a public presentation of gratitude for persons and/or groups who have assisted in the annual conference experience or in the life of the AUMC.

To present an itemized list of expenses to the Annual Conference Planning Committee at the conclusion of their work.

To request a special solicitation of funds from the AUMC members to cover specific expenses before they are incurred (i.e. gifts).

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Courtesy Committee is accountable to the AUMC through the AUMC Superintendent.

R5.1011 . . . JOINT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CONSULTATION

PURPOSE . . . The Joint Missionary Conference Consultation serves as a link between all of the Missionary Conferences and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership shall be:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

President, United Methodist Women

Lay Leader, Alaska United Methodist Conference

A group of six (6) additional persons whose recommended composition shall be at least two (2) clergy, two (2) lay persons, and two (2) women nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the AUMC each quadrennium at the annual conference immediately following General Conference.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation are called at the discretion of the GBGM. The GBGM pays the expenses of meetings.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Joint Missionary Conference Consultation is responsible for coordination of issues pertaining to Missionary Conferences and/or any necessary General Conference legislation that is pending.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . A report shall be made to the AUMC at its annual conference next following any meetings of the committee.

R5.1012 . . . COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (CONAM)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) is to be in ministry with Native American People, with an emphasis on Alaska's native peoples, to celebrate the enrichment Alaskans share as we worship and minister together, and to maintain connectional relationships.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of CONAM shall be as selected by the Native Elders of the AUMC. It is recommended that representation be sought from each of the four program regions of the AUMC.

CONAM shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Duties of CONAM shall be:

To raise the consciousness of Alaska United Methodists concerning the problems of racism in Alaska and in the world.

To encourage all Alaskan United Methodists to become more aware of its historic relationship to Alaska's Native peoples and their culture.

To encourage and assist the developments of ministry and church extension projects to, for, and with Alaska's Native peoples.

To assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of Native Ministry.

To solicit funds for Native Ministries through the Advanced Special giving channels of the church and especially through the Native American Awareness Sunday Offering (last Sunday in April or other appropriate Sunday).

To administer 50% of the portion of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering that remains in Alaska.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CONAM Chair or designated representative shall be a member of the CCC. Fifty percent (50%) of the portion of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering that remains in Alaska shall be used for Native Ministries work.

R5.1013 . . . NEW MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall plan and coordinate new church development and church extension activities within the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the New Ministries Committee shall be at least the following with others as elected on nomination by the Committee on Nominations:

Four (4) lay persons

Four (4) clergy

AMC VIM Coordinator

Church and Community Workers Serving within the bounds of the AUMC

The New Ministries Committee shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference..

MEETINGS. . . The New Ministries Committee shall meet at least twice (2 times) per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . At the direction of the Presiding Bishop and the AUMC, the New Ministries Committee shall:

Administer all church extension funds of the AUMC, including planning and coordinating all church extension activities, soliciting funds for church extension through Advance Special giving, publicizing church extension activities, and assisting missionaries on itineration.

Assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of new church development.

To actively promote the development of new ministries within the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall work at the direction of the Presiding Bishop. It shall be accountable to the AUMC for its efforts in implementing the strategy for New Church Development. The Chair or a designated representative of the Committee shall serve on the CCC.

R5.1014 . . . CONFERENCE OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference Outdoor Ministries Committee is to enable and implement successful off-site and on-site camping and retreat ministries and to do so by providing general coordination in the form of guidance, training, funding, organization, and networking.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The committee will consist of at least eight (8) members with vote, four (4) laity and four (4) clergy, plus at least one representative each from the Birchwood Camp Committee, Southeast Camp Committee, and Hope Retreat Center. The representatives from the camps will serve with voice but not vote.

Each committee will select its representative and the Committee on Nominations will select the others seeking regional balance, to be elected at the annual conference.

The chairperson will be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, elected at annual conference and be a voting member of the Conference Coordinating Council.

The committee will meet at least once a year.

R5.1015 . . . PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT (PMU)

PURPOSE . . . The Professional Ministries Unit oversees and reviews all matters pertaining to the professional ministry of the AUMC (ordained and diaconal).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Professional Ministries Unit should be:

Five (5) members nominated by the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Professional Ministries Unit:

--- three (3) ordained clergy

--- one (1) diaconal minister

--- one (1) lay person

Five (5) members nominated by the AUMC Committee on Nominations:

--- two (2) ordained clergy

--- three (3) lay persons

The Chair of PMU shall be nominated by the bishop and elected by PMU at its first session following the close of the annual conference following the regular session of General Conference.

It is suggested that consideration be given to having at least one (1) member be a clergy under special appointment (e.g., institutional chaplain, agency director, or staff person).

Lay persons shall be full participants in the work of the Professional Ministry Unit except in cases governed by provisions of the United Methodist Discipline (Disc., 2004, ¶¶33 & 634).

The AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy shall serve exofficio.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To perform the functions of the Committee on Episcopacy as outlined in the United Methodist Discipline (Disc., 2004, ¶636).

To administer the continuing education funds for ordained clergy and diaconal ministry.

To act as the Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry thus providing a means of accountability for local campus ministries (¶633), as the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (¶634) in a limited role, since the AUMC does not have members, other than affiliate members, who are ordained, and as the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (¶663) to care for responsibilities for candidates for licensed and ordained ministry (¶310-314) as well as for licensing of local pastors (¶315-320), who are clergy members of the AUMC when approved by the AUMC in executive session (¶315) and appointed and licensed by the bishop (¶316).

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Professional Ministry Unit shall be accountable to the Presiding Bishop and to the AUMC through its membership on the CCC.

R5.1016 . . . REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCILS (RPC)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the RPCs is to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness of programming in the churches of the four regions of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of each RPC is:

The Pastor and lay member to AUMC from each church in the region.

Other ordained clergy as defined in R2.000.

Local pastors from local churches.

Active diaconal minister.

Campus ministers within the region.

A United Methodist Woman representative.

Three (3) at-large members elected from the region at the first RPC meeting of the quadrennium, the recommended persons being a youth (age 13-18), a young adult (age 18-30), and an ethnic minority person.

The Presiding Bishop (Exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Superintendent (Exofficio without vote)

Council Director (Exofficio without vote)

The definition of each region is:

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Aldersgate-Juneau

Douglas

Ketchikan

Northern Light-Juneau

Sitka

3 Members at Large

NORTHERN REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Fairbanks-First

New Hope United Church-North Pole

Nome Community
Willow
United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks
Christ First of Wasilla and Palmer
Unalaska
3 Members at large

SOUTHCENTRAL REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Anchorage-Anchor Park
Anchorage-East
Anchorage-First
Anchorage-First Samoan
Anchorage-Jewel Lake
Anchorage-Korean
Anchorage-St. John
Anchorage-Turnagain
Chugiak
Girdwood
University Community Ministry-Anchorage
Alaska Children's Services
Birchwood Camp
3 Members at Large and Native Ministry

KENAI PENINSULA REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Homer
Kenai
Moose Pass
Ninilchik
North Star
Seward
Soldotna
3 Members at Large

Each RPC shall elect its own officers to serve for a four- (4-) year term, and it is recommended that the chair be alternating clergy and laity from quadrennium to quadrennium. The election of officers should take place at the first meeting following the charge conferences which follow the regular meeting of the General Conference, and officers so elected shall serve until they are replaced by a subsequent election. The chair is the linking person for the region to the CCC and serves as a member of the CCC. If a vacancy occurs in the seat of any officer of an RPC during the quadrennium, then that RPC shall elect a member to fill out the unexpired term.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that each RPC meet a minimum of three (3) times a year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coordinate and implement Conference programming as determined by the CCC.
2. Explore ministries and programs that can be developed better at a regional level as opposed to a local church level.
3. Provide input to the CCC for the development of Conference-wide programs and priorities.
4. Where possible, provide the linkage of youth within the region.
5. Sharing models for ministry from local churches so that "what works" might be duplicated in other churches.
6. Explore "new ministries" within the region by working with the CCC and the New Ministries Committee.

7. Develop regional mission emphasis—such as VIM, local mission, Missionary support, etc.

8. Recommend to the CCC each year a missional priority for the AUMC for consideration at the annual conference.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Each RPC is linked by its chair to the CCC. Each RPC is responsible to the CF&A for its operating budget and expenditures. Each RPC will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

R5.1017...BOARD OF LAITY

PURPOSE...The purpose of the AUMC Board of Laity shall be to provide ministries to the laity of the conference as defined in ¶630 of the *Book of Discipline*.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION...The board will consist of the AUMC Lay Leader, the Presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men, the most recently elected lay delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, the AUMC Coordinator of Lay Speaking Ministries, and one lay representative elected by each of the four regional program councils, which representative may be a member of the electing program council. The AUMC Lay Leader will chair the board, which will meet, either in person or electronically, at the call of the AUMC Lay Leader.

DIVISION 6 . . . PROCEDURES

R6.00 . . . SESSIONS: The hours of convening and adjourning the annual conference shall be fixed by the Annual Conference Planning Committee. A printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the annual conference at the time of the organizing meeting.

R6.04...DEBATE: Debate shall be governed by the rules of the most recent General Conference, except no member addressing the conference shall be limited to a specific length of speaking time unless such time limit be established by majority vote of the AUMC. If a motion to limit speaking time does not specify to which portion of the meeting of the AUMC it applies, then the limitation will apply only until the recess or adjournment which follows the adoption of the motion. When the rules of General Conference do not govern any situation of debate, *Robert's Rules of Order* will apply.

R6.05 RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND PETITIONS

R6.0500 SUBMISSION: All resolutions, petitions, and motions (except procedural motions) introduced by a member of the AUMC, or by anyone authorized to submit such to the AUMC, shall be submitted in written form to the AUMC Secretary. Resolutions, petitions, and motions may be withdrawn by the mover at any time prior to amendment or adoption.

R6.0501 AUTHORIZATION TO PETITION: Any AUMC member, local congregation member, local congregation, organization or agency of the AUMC may present petitions to the AUMC for consideration by the AUMC at its annual conference.

R6.0502 DUE DATE: Petitions must be submitted to the AUMC office not less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference. Petitions submitted after the due date cannot be considered without the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

R6.0503 PROCEDURE: Petitions submitted by AUMC commissions, committees, units, councils, boards, and agencies will be considered on the floor of the AUMC without referral. Petitions submitted by all others may, at the discretion of the presiding officer, be submitted to one or more Legislative Committees to be made up of members of the AUMC as directed by the Secretary.

R6.0504 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Petitions referred to a Legislative Committee by the presiding officer shall be considered by the committee, and the committee shall vote concurrence or non-concurrence. A vote to concur is a vote to present the petition to the entire AUMC for consideration and action. A vote of non-concurrence means the petition cannot be presented to a plenary session of the AUMC unless at least twenty five percent (25%) of the members present and voting approve its introduction.

R6.0505 FORM AND CONTENT: The AUMC Secretary, at the Secretary's discretion, shall prepare and distribute throughout the AUMC a suggested form that may be used for the submission of petitions to the AUMC. While a petitioner is not bound to submit petitions on the form provided, the petition should provide information as requested on the form. In addition to providing the petition in printed form, petitioners are strongly encouraged to submit petitions on electronic media as prescribed by the Secretary. If the printed form of the petition exceeds three pages, the petitioner shall bear responsibility for its reproduction and distribution.

R6.15 EPISCOPAL NOMINATIONS

R6.1500 SUBMISSION: Any United Methodist elder otherwise qualified according to the Book of Discipline for election to be a United Methodist bishop may be proposed for nomination to The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC). For consideration on the floor of the AUMC the nomination must be submitted in writing, supported by the signatures of not fewer than three members of the AUMC.

R6.1501 DUE DATE: The due date for submission of nomination proposals shall be no less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference. Proposals for nomination submitted after the due date cannot be considered without the concurrence of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

R6.1502 DISTRIBUTION: Nomination proposals properly submitted and in timely fashion will be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC.

R6.1503 FORMAT: The proposed nomination must contain all the following elements:

1. A recently taken photograph, measuring at least 2 inches by 2 inches, of the candidate.
2. A biography of the candidate, to include the candidate's current Annual Conference membership status and prior professional service.
3. A statement of the candidate's qualifications.
4. The combination of biography and statement of qualifications is not to exceed 500 words
5. Requirements 1 through 4 may be waived by the Secretary with the submission of a document supporting the nomination of the candidate that has been approved and submitted in another conference, annual or jurisdictional, of the Western Jurisdiction.

R6.1504 NOMINATION: Debate will be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer under the AUMC rules for debate, and a vote will be taken by written ballot, which will be prepared and counted by the Secretary or by the Secretary's designated assistants. The vote count will be announced. Nomination of the candidate by the AUMC requires the concurrence of a majority of the members present and voting.

R6.17 CANDIDACY FOR GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

R6.1700 SUBMISSION: Any person eligible for election to be an AUMC delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference as provided in ¶¶35 & 36 of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* may declare her(him)self to be a candidate. For an election year as provided in ¶502.4 of the *Book of Discipline* any candidate may submit to the AUMC Secretary a Statement of Candidacy.

R6.1701 DUE DATE: The due date for submission of a Statement of Candidacy shall be no less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference at which elections are to be held.

R6.1702 DISTRIBUTION: A Statement of Candidacy properly submitted and received on or before the due date will be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC.

R6.1703 FORMAT: A Statement of Candidacy shall include a statement of the candidate's qualifications. The Statement of Candidacy shall not exceed 500 words.

R6.1704 ELECTION: The method of election shall be as determined by the presiding officer.

R6.18...GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION: Delegates to the General Conference and the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall be elected and seated as provided in the *Book of Discipline*, and together the delegates so elected, along with alternates, shall be called The Alaska United Methodist Conference Delegation. The AUMC Delegation shall choose a chairperson from among the delegates to General Conference, giving due attention to the custom observed throughout The UMC of alternating from one quadrennium to the next between lay and clergy leadership. Unless otherwise provided in the rules of General Conference or of the Western Jurisdictional Conference the Delegation shall choose its representatives to any General Conference and Western Jurisdictional Conference bodies on which it is entitled to representation, giving due attention to the custom in the AUMC that the delegates to General Conference serve on the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy and the delegates to the Western Jurisdictional Conference serve on the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations. The Delegation is encouraged to give priority attention to the provision in the rules of General Conference which permit a member of the Delegation to be present with voice on any Legislative Committee when a matter of concern to the constituents of the Delegation is being considered.

R6.20 . . . OFFERINGS: The annual conference communion offering and offerings to defray annual conference expenses are automatically approved. Offerings of any other nature cannot be taken without the approval of the ACPC.

R6.21...GIFT RECEIPT POLICY

Gifts to the Alaska United Methodist Conference will be handled according to the following procedure:

Gifts of Property Other Than Cash

Reviewed by the Board of Trustees for conformance to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and other policies of The UMC and of the Alaska Conference.

Full appropriate attention will be given to the liquidity of the gift.

Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities may, in general, be considered as essentially cash, since the Alaska Conference will not be required to hold any such gift for any extended period of time.

If the gifts are found to conform to those principles and policies, they will be received by the Board.

Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities received as gifts may be liquidated at the discretion of the Board.

A recommendation for the use and/or disposition of other kinds of property received as gifts will be made by the Board to the Alaska Conference upon consultation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A) and the Conference Coordinating Council (CCC).

In situations where alternatives are limited and exigency demands, disposition and liquidation may occur under the provisions of ¶2515 of the 2004 *Book of Discipline*.

When this type property has been liquidated (converted to cash), the money will be treated thereafter as a gift of cash.

Gifts of Cash

The receipt of restricted cash gifts wherein the donor has designated the gift to be used for purposes other than established funds and campaigns within the Alaska Conference is subject to the approval of CCF&A.

Undesignated gifts of cash to the Alaska Conference and designated gifts of cash to previously approved funds and campaigns will be received by the Treasurer acting under the direction of CCF&A.

If the gift had been anticipated and included within the budget of the Alaska Conference, the funds will be handled as determined by action of the Conference.

If the gift had not been included within a previous budget of the Conference, then the CCC will develop a process to create a plan for the disposition of the gift in the next budget to be proposed to the Conference.

Gifts to the Foundation

Gifts to the Alaska United Methodist Conference Foundation will be handled according to the policies of the Foundation as approved by the Alaska Conference.

R6.25 . . . LITURGICAL MATERIALS: All liturgical materials prepared for use in worship at annual conference or other AUMC sponsored events shall be inclusive in their imagery, language, and participation.

R6.30 . . . REPORTS

R6.3000 . . . STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Pastors shall submit the statistical report to the Conference Statistician and the financial report to the Conference Treasurer as requested by these officers.

R6.3001 . . . PRE-ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC shall be submitted to the Conference office by April 15th preceding the annual conference.

R6.35 . . . FISCAL MATTERS

R6.3500 . . . FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year for the AUMC shall be the calendar year (January 1-December 31.)

R6.3501 . . . CLOSING: CF&A shall set the date yearly for the closing of the financial records of the AUMC, and all remittances must be received and are due by the established date in order for the church to receive credit for the fiscal year.

R6.3502 . . . JULY SALARY: The July salary shall be paid to the pastor by the local church to which the pastor is appointed at the annual conference.

R6.40 . . . APPORTIONMENTS: Apportionment requests upon the charge or pastor shall first be referred to the CF&A. No apportionments shall be made until the CF&A has made its report. If the report is negative, a two-third (2/3's) majority vote of the members of AUMC shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the CF&A.

R6.45 . . . BUDGETARY CHANGES: Changes in the budget as proposed by CF&A or as adopted by the AUMC may be proposed on the motion of any member of the AUMC. If the proposed change is greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), then the motion must be distributed in writing to the members of the AUMC in attendance at the session at which the motion is made at least eight (8) hours prior to any action on the motion. In addition any change proposed in an expense category which results in an increase or decrease in total expense must be accompanied by a commensurate change in expected income to maintain the balance of the budget.

R6.50 . . . RULES: . . . The AUMC shall be governed by the following bodies of law in descending order of priority: the *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church; the Rules of the AUMC; and the Rules of the most recent General Conference of The UMC. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern all questions of procedure when none of the foregoing applies.

R6.5000 . . . RULES CHANGES: . . . Rules changes may occur in any of the following ways:

By recommendation from any Conference Standing Committee, Council, Unit, or Regional council.

From the Presiding Bishop and/or AUMC Superintendent.

Over the signature of three (3) members of the AUMC.

By individual members of the AUMC who may submit proposals for rules changes to the Administrative Unit for consideration with the understanding that the Administrative Unit is not bound to report the proposed change to the floor for annual conference.

The rules of the AUMC may be amended or suspended on the first day of annual conference by a majority vote. At all other times amendments or suspension of the rules requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

R6.55 . . . JOURNAL

R6.5500 . . . OFFICIAL MINUTES: . . . The record of daily proceedings of the annual conference of the AUMC as signed by the Presiding Bishop and the Secretary of the AUMC shall be considered to be the official minutes of the annual conference.

R6.5501 . . . AUMC JOURNAL: . . . The daily proceedings together with such supporting documents as are deemed helpful and necessary shall be published yearly as the AUMC journal. The Conference Secretary, in consultation with the Conference Superintendent, shall determine what additional material shall be included in the Journal that is not covered by Disciplinary requirements.

R6.5502 . . . DEADLINE: . . . All material to be published in the Journal shall be submitted to the Secretary of the AUMC by midnight of the adjournment day unless other arrangements are made with the Secretary.

XIII. QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES

A. Qualifications for Advance Special Salary Support/Covenant Relationships

Those missionaries who qualify for salary support through the Advance shall:

1. Serve local churches with less than 200 members.
2. Serve local churches with budgets less than \$150,000 raised locally excluding debt retirement. (For locations which qualify for COLA by Equitable Salary standards, the maximum shall be \$150,000 plus the COLA.)
3. Serve local churches which are able to maintain a parsonage or housing allowance.
4. Receive a salary not more than 10% above the minimum cash base salary (before COLA and years of experience are added) established by the Equitable Compensation Guidelines set at the Annual Meeting. (Exceptions to this shall be the first five years of a new ministry and Native Ministries and crisis situations).
5. Be recommended by the Equitable Compensation Committee for approval by the Administrative Unit and the Conference Superintendent.

B. Guidelines for Parsonage Standards

Property Ownership: If a parsonage is provided, it should be owned by the local charge or a Board of Trustees of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Also, flexibility should be allowed so that a pastor and congregation can work out an arrangement whereby a housing allowance is provided in lieu of a parsonage.

The House: At least four bedrooms; a basement with exit where possible; house plan should be flexible to allow for differing size families; family room, at least two full bathrooms; adequate storage; large living room; adequate weather stripping and insulation; screens on windows that open; double garage, not necessarily heated; dining area suitable for

family and entertaining; sit-down eating space in the kitchen; a wood stove would be a desirable feature. New parsonages should be handicap accessible.

Location: Preferable within walking distance of the church building, but not more than three miles away.

Furnishings: Household personal items should be provided by the parsonage family. Heavy furniture and major appliances in good working order should be provided by the church including: beds, tables, chairs, sofa, freezer, washer and dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, disposal, chests and dressers, drapes, floor coverings, lawn mower where needed, fire extinguisher, smoke alarms. Painting (in and out), carpet deep cleaning, should be scheduled on a four-year basis or change of pastor.

Appliances and Furnishings Allowance: Each parsonage family shall have available to them \$1000 each appointive year to be used at the discretion of pastor and parsonage committee for appliances and furnishings as listed above. In the first year of appointment, this amount shall be available at the time of arrival of the parsonage family where possible. The Trustees shall keep a record of the date of purchase and repair of all appliances, including the heating system, and of all painting and decorating, inside and out. The Superintendent shall ask for the Parsonage Report at the annual Charge Conference meeting.

Garage and Grounds: If possible, a garage shall be provided with adequate lights and electrical outlets and sufficient space for gardening and lawn equipment, bicycles, etc. This should be provided with easy to operate door. Any damage to the parsonage or grounds caused by any household pet shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the parsonage occupants. Excessive damage, beyond normal wear, to the parsonage caused by the parsonage family shall be repaired, replaced, or paid for by the pastor.

Maintenance Fund: A revolving fund of \$1000 shall be available for maintenance repairs and upkeep as authorized by the trustees. For most churches, this should be a trust account drawn on when needed, not necessarily budgeted in full every year.

Insurance: Replacement value of the parsonage should be the guide for insurance coverage. Insurance on the pastor's personal items should be provided by the pastor.

Parsonage Committee: The PPR Chair, the Trustee Chair, the Pastor and family shall meet at least once annually to review parsonage needs and existing conditions.

Utilities: Full cost of utilities are to be provided for each parsonage, when the pastor lives in the parsonage.

An Encouragement to All: We recognize that comfortable surroundings in the home contribute to the happiness, health, and effectiveness of the parsonage family and the pastor in their work for the whole church. We encourage that each parish will do its very best in providing such a home.

C. Guidelines for Dealing with the Abuse of Power and Authority of the Clergy Office in Areas Relating to Clergy Sexual Misconduct

(This document is not intended to supersede nor misconstrue the Discipline of the United Methodist Church or Alaska State Law, both of which do clearly supersede anything herein.) The pastoral office is a position of great trust and responsibility and can be a position of significant authority and power over others. We would like to believe that no ordained clergy person would violate the trust and power of the office for sexual gratification. Yet the experience of the church is that it does happen. Persons in pastoral roles may violate the trust given them in many ways, but these guidelines deal specifically with the abuse of the power of the pastoral office by those who engage in sexual misconduct, and in particular in those cases where there are persons who are, or perceive themselves to be, victims of this misconduct. It is recognized that clergy persons are also vulnerable human beings and can themselves be the victims in cases of sexual misconduct. In any case, the whole church must always be concerned for both the legal and spiritual care of the pastor. Still, history indicates that concern for those victimized by inappropriate clergy conduct has often been inadequate. The primary purpose of these guidelines is to provide justice and care for such persons.

For the purpose of this paper, clergy sexual misconduct shall be defined as "Unethical sexual activity, a form of sexual abuse by clergy persons." This includes sexual abuse of children and youth, affairs with counselees, infidelity, promiscuity (e.g. repeated sexual advances or actions), sexual harassment, and other inappropriate behavior. Such activity breaks the sacred trust inherent in our ordination. These guidelines are for clergy appointed to the Alaska Missionary Conference.

a. Theological Reflections

One of the on-going tasks of Christian community is to understand our life theologically. This is as true in matters of human sexuality, its potential for expressing love and commitment to God, the other person and oneself, and its potential for abuse, as anywhere else.

We affirm that:

1. God creates persons in the Divine image, male and female.
2. Women and men are equal in the eyes of God.
3. The human body is good, a special part of the divine creation. It is the temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells and a place where the Word is made flesh.
4. Human sexuality is an integral part of our humanity. While profoundly personal, it has social dimensions as well. Its physical, emotional, and spiritual expression in relation to others ought to be based on a loving commitment and accountability to God, the other person, and oneself.
5. God calls persons to wholeness through Jesus Christ and to participation in the Body of Christ, the community of faith whose central quality is redemptive love.
6. The whole church receives and accepts the call of God to embody and carry forth Christ's ministry in the world. Ordination originates in God's will and purpose for the church. There are persons within the church community whose gifts, graces, and promise of future usefulness are observable to the community, who respond to God's call and offer themselves in leadership as ordained ministers. (Par. 402, 1988 Discipline) In this role, persons are entrusted with responsibility to care for those they serve and not to misuse this role to the detriment of any.
7. Violation of the pastoral office by inappropriate sexual conduct is a sin against God the victim(s), oneself and the redemptive community.

This violation:

- causes potentially serious psychological, spiritual, and emotional harm to the victim(s);
- reveals the brokenness of the perpetrator;
- betrays Christ and the pastoral office in that it abuses the power and authority of ministry by changing it from healing and redemption to exploitation and gratification, and tarnishes the symbol of Christ as healer and Savior; and
- rends the local parish as the whole body of Christ in ways which require special efforts for healing the deep wounds.

8. Because of God's grace and forgiveness, healing can occur for the victim(s), the offender, and the community.

These affirmations which have grown out of our life together within the covenant community are also reflected in the following statements from the 1992 Discipline (Par. 431).

It is to be expected that ordained persons shall:

- Nurture and cultivate spiritual disciplines and patterns of holiness...
- Be committed to and engage in leading the ministry of the whole church in loving service to humankind...
- For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of Christian life; and to this end, agree to exercise responsible self-control by

personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.

- Be persons in whom the community can place trust and confidence...
- Be accountable to the United Methodist Church, accept its Discipline and authority, abide by the demands of the special relationship of its ordained ministers, and be faithful to their vows as ordained ministers of the church of God.

Any breach of professional ethics is a misuse of the trust which traditionally has been given to the office. Furthermore, sexual misconduct involving the misuse of the authority of the clerical office, often leaves the victim with the burden of guilt, anger, betrayal, and rejection. Often the victim bears the burden of proof before appropriate action can be taken. Any such sexual misconduct in the context of the clergy/lay relationship shall be seen as an offense by the clergy person who then bears the responsibility for victim restitution and faces disciplinary action. This is particularly significant in clergy/lay relationships because of the power dynamics involved.

Clergy persons involved in any form of sexual misconduct have breached their ordination vows. Christian, professional, and legal standards inform clergy behavior. For instance, professional standards of counseling prohibit any sexual contact with counselees. When a clergy person uses the influence of his/her role and engages in sexual misconduct, it is an irresponsible and unethical act which takes advantage of the vulnerability of another. Clergy have a responsibility not to take advantage of persons in this way and not to engage in sexual activity with them.

These guidelines refer to clergy sexual misconduct. In the event the alleged offender is the Superintendent, then "the Bishop" shall be substituted for "the Superintendent" in all such cases.

b. Procedures for Misconduct with Children and Youth

1. Sexual activity with children and youth is a chargeable offense under Para. 2623, Discipline. In the event an allegation of such activity is made against any person in an office listed in Para. 2623(1), Discipline, the person to whom the allegation is made shall immediately report the allegation to the appropriate public or police agency as required by law. Charges may be brought and an investigation and other appropriate action shall proceed according to Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline, without regard to any criminal charges that may be initiated by civil authorities.

2. Sexual activity with children and youth is a crime under state law. In the event a clergy person is arrested, charged by information, or indicted for a crime involving any sexual offense, that person shall also be charged under Para. 2623, Discipline, and appropriate action taken under Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline. If the criminal charges are dismissed or the person is found to be not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the criminal charge, the Superintendent shall continue the proceedings under Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline, and make a determination whether a preponderance of the evidence shows that, even though the person may not have been legally culpable, the level of impropriety is sufficient to constitute a chargeable offense under Par. 2623. If the person is found guilty of the criminal offense, then the Superintendent shall initiate the process of expulsion from the pastoral ministry.

c. Procedures for Misconduct with Adults

When sexual misconduct is alleged, it shall be brought to the attention of those in authority, and the following procedures shall be followed: (§362 of the Discipline describes the grievance procedures.)

1. Allegations of sexual misconduct shall be made to the Superintendent in the form of a complaint. A complaint may be brought only by the person claiming to have been personally offended by the conduct, or by a person with first-hand knowledge of the conduct. Although a complaint may be brought verbally, the Superintendent may not respond to the complaint unless the complainant signs a document which clearly states the allegations which describe the offensive conduct. The Superintendent or any other person may assist the complainant in the preparation of the written complaint. If the complainant is unwilling to put the complaint in writing, the Superintendent shall inform the complainant that the verbal allegations will not be investigated and the grievances will not be redressed.

2. The complainant shall be encouraged to bring a support person to any meeting or hearing at any point in the process. Any meeting between the complainant and the alleged offender shall take place in a neutral location.

3. The Conference Superintendent shall promptly:

a). Meet again with the complainant in the presence of an ordained elder who is a member of the Professional Ministries Unit and/or the Bishop. At this meeting the complainant should be assured that the allegations are being taken very seriously by the Conference. The complainant shall be asked to verify the complaint with the words, "I declare under penalty of perjury that the allegations contained in this complaint are true."

b). Determine if there is probable cause to proceed with the investigation of the complaint. If the complainant refuses to put the allegations in writing or to sign or verify the complaint, the Superintendent may not respond to the complaint.

c). With the complainant's knowledge, meet in person with the respondent, i.e., the person to whom this procedure is being applied, provide the respondent with a copy of the complaint, and informally discuss the allegations with the respondent.

d). Meet formally with both parties (i.e., the complainant and the respondent), the Bishop of the Alaska Missionary Conference, and clergy member of the Professional Ministries Unit. Not less than 20 days prior to the date of this formal conference both parties shall be informed that they may have one person at the conference with them who has the right of advocacy, and that the conference will be recorded.

e). After the formal conference the Bishop, Superintendent, and clergy member of the Professional Ministries Unit shall confer, make a determination as to the truth of the allegations, and issue written findings as to their determination.

(1) If they find that the allegations are insubstantial (i.e., where the harm alleged is of little or no substance) or false, the respondent may choose to have the entire record of the proceeding expunged from his/her personnel record, or the respondent may choose an appropriate statement of the exoneration included in the record.

(2) If they find that there is probable cause to bring charges and convene a Committee on Investigation under ¶2703 (1), (3), or (4), notice of the finding shall be provided to the chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) of the local church served by the respondent or other appropriate supervisor, the Bishop of the Respondent's home Annual Conference, and the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries.

4. In the AMC, responsibility shall be assumed by the following:

a.) Colleagues in the ministry:

(1.) Clergy colleagues hold a special covenant of mutual responsibility.

When a pastor has knowledge of a colleague's sexual misconduct, the appropriate steps of intervention should be taken. This shall mean reporting alleged sexual misconduct to the Conference Superintendent. (Or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop.)

(2.) Where a colleague has been involved in sexual misconduct, and the case is being or has been resolved, the other members in the covenant must search for ways to and actively practice the reconciliation.

(3.) Cases of sexual misconduct will be kept in strictest confidentiality within the specifically designated group and persons charged with the responsibility for bringing justice and reconciliation. All clergy should actively prevent and discourage gossip, especially among clergy peers.

(4.) In cases where the situation has proceeded to Step 3.e.2 above, depending upon the seriousness of the complaint, the Bishop and Superintendent may choose to remove the accused clergy person from his/her ministerial duties. When a clergy person is removed from his/her ministerial duties due to sexual misconduct, a report shall be made by the Bishop or Conference Superintendent at the next clergy session to inform the clergy of the actions taken. In such cases, as colleagues in ministry, other clergy will covenant to honor this decision and refrain from inviting that person to perform ministerial duties in our churches and institutions.

(5.) The accused clergy person will have assigned to him/her a trained support person to be in ministry with them, and will receive regular informational contact with the Conference Superintendent.

b.) The Local Church or other Hiring Bodies:

(1.) Local Pastor Parish Committees will be informed of the policies dealing with clergy sexual misconduct.

(2.) Matters of clergy sexual misconduct must be dealt with in strictest confidentiality in local churches.

(3.) The PPRC with the Conference Superintendent (or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop) shall assist in the reconciliation process of the persons affected and help the victim(s) find healing within the context of church community.

(4.) The Conference Superintendent (or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop) shall help the PPRC define its role in responding to a spouse.

(5.) The PPRC may secure one of the lay observers from the PMU or another lay person to help find resources within the church and larger community for a spouse of the offending clergy person.

(6.) In cases where clergy sexual misconduct has been substantiated and persons remain active clergy in the AMC, full information of sexual misconduct and subsequent actions taken shall be kept in the clergy person's permanent record in the Conference Office. Such information shall be shared with present and future Pastor-Parish Relation Committees, and when clergy return to their home annual conferences, documentation of clergy sexual misconduct will be included in the files sent to the home conference. This material may be sent to the PPRCs of previous appointments at the discretion of the Bishop and the Superintendent.

(7.) Where sexual misconduct has become a public issue, the Conference Superintendent and the Professional Ministries Unit need to join with the PPRC to provide emotional, liturgical and institutional means of healing.

d. Concluding Statement

The procedures outlined in this position paper are limited to addressing inappropriate sexual conduct of those clergy persons whose actions have been reported. The best solution to the problems caused by clergy sexual misconduct is the self-discipline of each clergy person. Such self-discipline takes the Christian standards and ordination vows seriously.

Personal integrity and mature and professionally responsible conduct must be brought to all relationships by every clergy person in the Conference. When relational and sexual difficulties are present in a pastor's personal and/or professional life, counseling is appropriate and should be sought.

By the very nature of the disciplinary procedures outlined in this paper, the concept of a single "victim" is too limiting. When sexual misconduct occurs, there are many victims. The spouse and families of the persons who are involved in illicit sexual liaisons are victims. Congregations who must live with the interpersonal and the community impact of inappropriate sexual behavior are victims. The offender/victimizer is in one sense a "victim" of his or her own deeply troubled personality. Pastors who are not responsible for the misconduct find themselves living with the consequences arising from the misconduct of a brother or sister. When friends in the ministry are caught in the web of sexual misconduct, there is a tension between caring for a personal friend involved in questionable sexual liaisons and caring for the health and authenticity of the ordained ministry. It is possible to protect a friend, and thereby to perpetuate a relationship or pattern of behavior which is destructive to many others. Ultimately, the credibility and practice of the Christian faith have been compromised.

Not all of the victim(s) are included in the disciplinary and restorative procedure of the ordained ministry. Yet all are hurt when sexual misconduct has occurred. Those who take the connectional covenant seriously and who value the vows of ordination will assume responsibility for the whole church in the way they live with their sexuality. This paper intends to provide clear guidelines which will strengthen the covenant and ministry we share together.

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